



# CHINMAYA MISSION HOUSTON

Gurudeva Chinmayanandaji's Birthday Celebration

May 5, 2018

Gita Chanting Competition for Bala Vihar children

Place: Chinmaya Smrti

Time: **to be decided**

Bhagavad Gita Chapter 16 is selected for this year's competition.

The competition will be held in 4 groups:

Group 1 : Grades KG – 2

Group 2 : Grades 3 – 5

Group 3 : Grades 6 – 8

Group 4 : Grades 9 – 12

The following is a table showing the selection of verses for each group:

Group	Grades	Verses to memorize	Verses to learn meaning / explanation
1	Kg - 2	1 –10	Word list
2	3 - 5	1 – 24	1-5 (meaning)
3	6 - 8	1-24	1,2,3,4,5,7,10,11, 12,18,21 ( short explanation)
4	9 - 12	1,2,3,4,5,7, 10,11, 12,18, 21	1,2,3,4,5,7,10,11, 12,18, 21 (detailed explanation and chapter summary)

## Gita chanting classes

Chanting classes will be held for children every Sunday from February 3 to April 29.

	Group 1 & Pre K	Group 2	Group 3 & 4
<b>Morning Session</b> (7:45 AM to 8:30 AM)	<b>N 105</b> (KG classroom)	<b>N 104</b> (Grade 2B Classroom)	<b>N 103</b> (Grade 2A Classroom)
<b>Afternoon Session</b> (10:30 AM to 11:15 AM)	<b>S 201</b> (Grade 8 classroom)	<b>S 202</b> (Grade 6 classroom)	<b>N 205A</b> (Backroom in library)

## **Guidelines about judgment:**

Each of the following judgment criteria will be taken into account.  
10 marks for each criterion.

### Pronunciation:

- Clear pronunciations
- Proper pronunciation of guttural, cerebral etc.  
i.e. differentiate between 't' and 'ṭ' ; 'd' and 'ḍ' ; 'n' and 'ṇ' etc.
- Proper pronunciation of alpaprana and mahaprana  
i.e. differentiate between 't' and 'th' ; 'd' and 'dh' etc.
- Proper pronunciation of aspirate (visarga)
- Proper pronunciation of nasal
- Proper breaking of sandhi at end of a quarter

### Chanting Style:

- Chanting v/s reciting like prose

### Memory:

- Fluency in chanting
- Need for prompting
- Request for picking another set of verses

### Overall Presentation:

- Posture
- Style
- Confidence level
- Music

### Meaning and Explanation:

- Clarity of understanding