



# CHINMAYA MISSION HOUSTON

## Gurudeva Swami Chinmayanandaji's Birthday Celebration

Gita Chanting Competition on Saturday, April 25, 2026

Bhagavad Gita **Chapter 12** is selected for this year's competition.

**Groups, Grades, verses:**

	Grade	Verses	Meanings
<b>Kiriti *</b>	Pre K	1-6	N/A
<b>Anagha</b>	KG	1-8	Anagha vocabulary list
<b>Arjuna</b>	1,2	1-11	Arjuna vocabulary list
<b>Bharata</b>	3,4	1-14	Meaning of verses 4, 8, 13
<b>Partha</b>	5,6	1-17	Meaning of verses 4, 8, 13, 15
<b>Gudakesa</b>	7, 8, 9	1-20	Short explanation of verses 4, 8, 13, 15, 18 (2- minute explanation per verse)
<b>Dhananjaya</b>	10, 11, 12	1-20	Chapter summary and detailed explanation of verses 4, 8, 13, 15, 18 (4-minute chapter summary, 3-minute explanation per verse)

\*There is no competition for PreK children.

**Gita chanting classes:**

Classes will be held for children every Sunday from **February 1st to April 19th**. Students will attend the respective sessions aligned with their Balavihar session.

	Kiriti	Anagha & Arjuna	Bharata	Partha	Gudakesa & Dhananjaya
<b>First Session (7:45 AM to 8:30 AM)</b>	N/A	S202	S201	S201	N205A
<b>Second Session (10:30 AM to 11:15 AM)</b>	S117	S202	S201	N104	N205A

### **Judgement Criteria:**

Chanting will be judged in the following categories

#### Pronunciation:

- Clear pronunciations
- Proper pronunciation of guttural, cerebral etc.  
i.e. differentiate between 't' and 'é' ; 'd' and 'Ý' ; 'n' and 'á' 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 musically 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

#### Meaning and Explanation:

- Clarity of understanding