



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
Kiriti *	Pre K	1-6	N/A
Anagha	KG	1-8	Anagha vocabulary list
Arjuna	1,2	1-11	Arjuna vocabulary list
Bharata	3,4	1-14	Meaning of verses 4, 8, 13
Partha	5,6	1-17	Meaning of verses 4, 8, 13, 15
Gudakesa	7, 8, 9	1-20	Short explanation of verses 4, 8, 13, 15, 18 (2- minute explanation per verse)
Dhananjaya	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
First Session (7:45 AM to 8:30 AM)	N/A	S202	S201	S201	N205A
Second Session (10:30 AM to 11:15 AM)	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 'ã' 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