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Talmaki wadi Junior Group, Grant Road Sabha Prarthana Quarterly Report for Nov'09-Jan'10

Teachers- Poornima Balsekar and Aditi Nayampally

Venue- Poornima Balsekar's residence

Day and Time- Thursday from 6pm to 7.30pm

Ever since the junior group of Prarthana was started in June 2009, the enthusiasm of children is evident from their regular attendance and ever increasing influx of new entrants! All participants attend the classes regularly and there are hardly any absentees!!!

During the month of October along with the stories of nine swaroopas of Devi, the children coloured and decorated small pots. Diwali was exclusively celebrated at our center where the parents were invited to see the exhibits of their children. We had a small Diwali party, during which a story about the importance of lights was told. We completed sessions related to Attitude towards food, where the importance of Healthy food was highlighted. Here we brought out the importance of grains and pulses through Power Point presentations which children viewed in awe. Also we had Vimarsha on topics related to Contentment v/s Motivation, which were introduced through stories based on Shivaji's life history. Children also shared about their experiences.



Pots and diyas decorated by children

In the much awaited month of November we celebrated our Parama Pujya Swamiji's Birthday in grandeur, all centers of Grant Road got together for this special occasion.

The most touching moment was when dear little Aavneesh Samsi on his own accord offered a red paper rose he had received from his school teacher!! During this month many little ones from this center for the first time participated in the 'Ramanejneya' play staged during Parama Pujya Swamijis' camp in Talmaki wadi during Datta Jayanti.



Parama Pujya Swamijis' birthday celebration

In the months of December and January we completed sessions on Divinity, Humility, and Attitude towards studies and introduced the topic of Forgiveness-being kind and gentle towards all through stories taken from the Panchantantra and Jataka Tales and our very own Amar Chitra Katha.

They have learned the shlokas 'Karagre Vaste Lakshmi' 'Annapurne Sadapurne' 'Sararswati Namastubham' based on the above topics.

Activities:

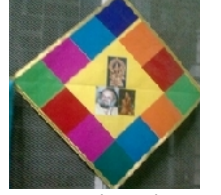
Children have wholeheartedly participated in individual activities like:

- ◆ Colouring flash cards related to the things they see in nature for the session on Divinity.
- ◆ Toran -making 'What makes me Happy '.
- ◆ Colouring picture of Goddesses Saraswati.
- ◆ Kite making (making Smiley faces on Kites) during Makar Sankranti.



Posing with smiley kites

All of them took part in the group activity of making a huge Kite by sticking coloured square sheets of paper on the border, which was then highlighted with our Math's Arardhya Devata Shri Bhavanishankara , Parama Pujya Parijnanashram Swamiji and Parama Pujya Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamijis' photographs in the centre..



Huge kite with photos of P.P. Swamijis and Lord Bhavanishankara

They have also made beautiful objects out of clay during the class conducted on the New Year's Eve.

Children have learned Sanskrit words related to Numbers from 1 to 10 and Days of the week along with Konkani words on 'Colours'.

They flawlessly recite the Sabha opening and closing prayers with reverence.