



Bangla School
Houston Durga Bari Society
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Dear Parents:

Welcome to Houston DurgaBari Bangla School. It gives me great pleasure to write to you about the rejuvenated Bangla School. I'm looking forward to the new school year and have many plans to make it successful. Our teachers and I look forward to working with you to achieve our shared goal of helping your child achieve his/her potential in a setting that is respectful, motivating, and challenging. Your enormous enthusiasm has surpassed our expectation, and we are overwhelmed by your response.

Please acquaint yourself with the information found in the welcome packet, which was given during registration. This information will get you and your child off to a good start this year.

Consistent communication between home and school is essential to promote the best interests of your child and all children attending Bangla School. I encourage you to become involved and to contact your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions or comments throughout the year.

I remind parents that they are still the greatest influence in their child's life, and must, therefore, be the greatest mentor.

Looking forward, we have got all set for an exciting, and eventful year. We will put new partitions in the hall for giving an undisturbed, and more School like environment. We will introduce more child-engaging, innovative, and attractive curriculum, and easy way to learn and use spoken Bangla.

Finally, I would like to request you for your continued support to make Bangla learning for your children a long lasting experience.

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Sailaja Bandyopadhyay
Principal, DurgaBari Bangla School

For any Suggestions / Comments please contact me at 281-485-0977 or 832-264-5917 or send an email at sailaja.bandyopadhyay@gmail.com



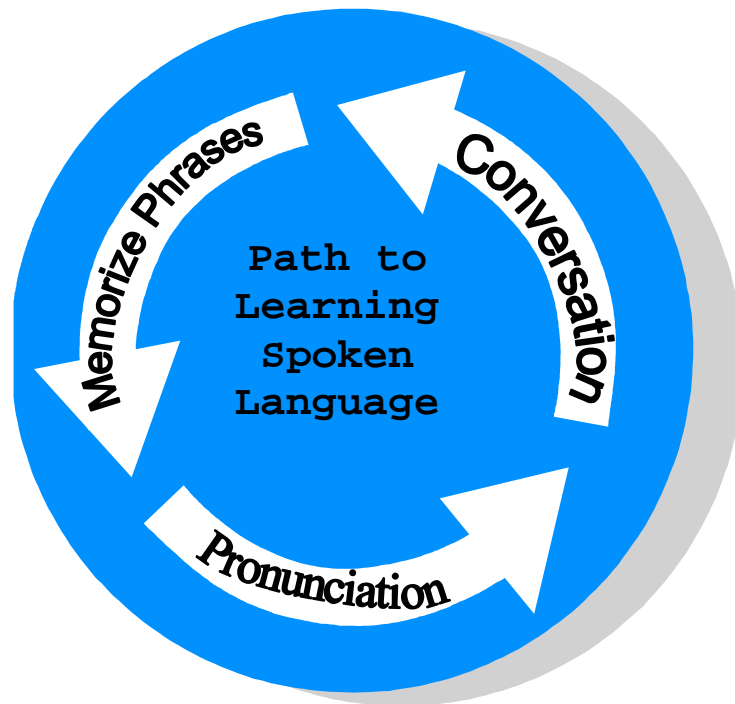
HDBS Bangla School

Grade 1 Curriculum

"Kochi Kancha"

Objective:

- Spoken: Commonly used words, synonyms/antonyms, simple sentence structure
- Written: Vowels and consonants (Introduction to Bengali letters (as home work only))



Course Structure:

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies/Cultural Studies

Material Covered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bengali Vocabulary</u> - Memorizing different sets of Bengali words (clothes, food items, fruits, relations, months & seasons etc.) • <u>Bengali Alphabets</u> - Recognizing alphabets • Practicing with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Games - Word Seek, Memory Match, Word Adventures ○ Quizzes
Modes of Teaching:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flash cards • Memory Match ups • Quiz cards • Games • Software • Homework
Methodology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learning <u>Words of the Week</u> ○ Recognizing & Pronouncing high frequency words ○ Surprise Quizzes • Math: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learn to count in Bengali - 0-20 ○ Surprise Quizzes • Science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction with Nature - gardening ○ Learn about Bengali seasons • Social Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learn about Bengal ○ Learn about various dates & festivals of India ○ Learn about important people of India • Specials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme based events ○ Field trips ○ Participation & Celebrations in festivals & events



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Grade 2 Curriculum

"Shobuj Pata"

Objective:

- Spoken: Review of level 1 -- Commonly used words of the High Frequency word lists. Speaking simple sentences in daily life.
- Written: Vowels and consonants (Introduction to Bengali letters - recognition and writing.)



Course Structure:

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies/Cultural Studies

Material Covered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bengali Vocabulary</u> - Memorizing different sets of Bengali words (clothes, food items, fruits, colors, relations, time or the day, months & seasons etc.) • <u>Bengali Alphabets</u> - Recognizing and writing alphabets and simple words. • Practicing with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Games - Word Seek, Memory Match, bingo, Word Adventures, flash card matching o Quizzes and word finds.
Modes of Teaching:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flash cards, copy from modeled writing, use foam letters to form words by phonic analysis. • Memory Match ups, drawing pictures. • Quiz cards • Games, stories, crafts, hands-on. • Software (VCDs and interactive CD-ROMs) • Homework
Methodology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Learning Words of the Week</u> o Recognizing, Pronouncing and writing high frequency words o Surprise Quizzes • Math: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Learn to count in Bengali - 0-50 o Learn to read and write numerals • Science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Introduction with Nature - gardening o Learn about Bengali seasons • Social Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Learn about Bengal through stories and pictures. o Learn about various dates & festivals of India o Learn about important people of India • Specials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Theme based events, skits, poetry, songs. o Field trips o Participation & Celebrations in festivals & events



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Grade 3 Curriculum

"Phooljhuri"

Objective:

- Spoken: Expectation towards self-expression. Knowledge of commonly used words of the High Frequency word lists of the previous levels. Speaking in simple sentences in daily life. Participating in fun presentations.
- Written: Conversant with Bengali phonics. Writing simple words and teacher modeled sentences. Instruction will be differentiated in a case-by-case way.



Course Structure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Arts (vocabulary and punctuation) • Math (numbers 1 - 50, telling time and date) • Science (nature words with hands-on learning) • Social Studies: Social Studies/Cultural Studies (Learn about Bengal through stories and pictures. Learn about various dates & festivals and personalities of India.)
Material Covered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bengali Vocabulary</u> - Memorizing different sets of Bengali words (basic nouns, feelings, time, seasons) • <u>Bengali Alphabets</u> - Recognizing and writing alphabets and simple words. • Practicing with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Story telling, skit, poetry. o Quizzes and word finds. o Lots of other literary fun in Bengali.
Modes of Teaching:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flash cards, dictation, teacher modeled writing. • Poetry memorizing, story narration, role playing, peer tutoring, story telling to younger students. • Quizzes on facts on India, spellings etc. • Games, stories, crafts, songs. • Software (VCDs and interactive CD-ROMs) • Homework (emphasis on reading and speaking with occasional writing) • Hands-on activities like gardening, cooking without fire (like jhaalmuri), painting etc.
Methodology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Learning Words of the Week (assignments will vary case to case)</u> o Recognizing, Pronouncing and writing high frequency words o Reading aloud by turns. Choral reading, Popcorn reading with teacher and peers. o Learn to count in Bengali - 0-50 o Surprise Quizzes and fun worksheets. o Telling date, time of the day. • Specials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Theme based events, skits, poetry, songs to be done as part of the regular curriculum. o Field trips - curriculum will be theme based on the field trips whenever possible. o Participation & Celebrations in festivals & events.



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Grade 4 Curriculum

"Ramdhonu"

Objective:

- Spoken: Expectation towards self-expression. Knowledge of commonly used words of the High Frequency word lists of the previous levels. Speaking fluently in complete sentences in daily life. Participating in fun presentations.
- Written: Writing simple sentences on a theme. Conversant with Bengali phonics. Transcribing English words in Bengali as needed. Instruction will be differentiated in a case-by-case way.



Course Structure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Arts (vocabulary and language rules) • Math (numbers 1 - 100, telling time and date) • Science (internet research and oral discussions on India's contribution to science) • Social Studies: Social Studies/Cultural Studies (Learn about Bengal through stories and pictures. Learn about various dates & festivals and personalities of India.)
Material Covered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bengali Vocabulary</u> - Memorizing different sets of Bengali words (basic nouns, feelings, time, season, synonyms and antonyms, common idioms and phrases) • <u>Bengali Alphabets</u> - Recognizing and writing alphabets, juktakhkhar (mixed alphabets) and simple words. • Practicing with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Story telling, skit, poetry. o Quizzes and word finds. o Regular reading assignments. o Lots of other literary fun in Bengali.
Modes of Teaching:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flash cards, dictation, writing. • Poetry memorizing, story narration, role playing, peer tutoring, story telling to younger students. • Quizzes on facts on India, spellings etc. • Games, stories, crafts, hands-on, songs. • Software (VCDs and interactive CD-ROMs) • Homework (emphasis on reading and speaking with occasional writing)
Methodology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Learning Words of the Week (assignments will vary case to case)</u> o Recognizing, Pronouncing and writing high frequency words o Reading aloud by turns. Choral reading, Popcorn reading with teacher and peers. o Learn to count in Bengali - 0-100 o Surprise Quizzes and fun worksheets. o Telling date, time, fractions. o Students play leadership roles in the school activities.

- o Internet research and discussion on science and social studies.
- Specials:
 - o Theme based events, skits, poetry, songs to be done as part of the regular curriculum.
 - o Field trips - curriculum will be theme based on the field trips whenever possible.
 - o Participation & Celebrations in festivals & events.

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