

Hindi Class Guidelines

August 2013 – 2014

First Day (Orientation): Sunday, August 19

Time---11:15 to 12:15

Venue---Temple's classroom

Pre requisitions: Parents have to be a member of the Temple

Introduction of Hindi classes is a voluntary activity organized by the Hindu Temple. The underlying idea is to encourage our children to become familiar with Hindi, a language spoken by the majority of people in India. The class also provides the children with an opportunity for spiritual, religious and cultural growth. By learning Hindi and other Indian languages, our children will be in a better position to remain in touch with their culture and ancestral roots.

Learning Hindi requires the same degree of commitment and effort as one would learn any other language, like Spanish, French etc.

Success of these efforts will, however, depend on active involvement of all concerned: teaching staff, students and their parents. Support of parents will play an important role towards supplementing the efforts of the teaching staff. Primarily, this support should involve (i) ensuring punctuality and regularity of the students in attending classes (ii) speaking Hindi (as much as possible) with children at home (iii) helping students in timely completion of learning-assignments.

Class will start at 11.15 sharp. Children will check in for attendance. They will be given a sticker for on time attendance. When they have been on time for 5 consecutive Sundays, they receive a gift for their punctuality. Any child arriving after 11:20 will be marked late and will not be entitled for an on-time reward. Class starts by reciting Prathna “ Hum Ko Man Ki Shakti Dena”.

Homework will be given every Sunday. It is the parents' responsibility to encourage their children to complete their homework on time A reward will be given for on-time submission of home-work.

Class is divided in three groups. **Beginners:** with minimum knowledge of Hindi, **Intermediate:** can read and write Hindi consonants and vowels, and **Advanced:** can read and write and have some knowledge of basic Hindi grammar.

There will be no class on Holidays.

There is a \$10:00 fee per month, per child. This is a donation to the temple for using its facilities and for Hindi class expenses. It is paid by check, payable to HTCC. We will collect for the whole year, August till May (i.e. \$100.00/per child), at one time for easy management, which is due on the first day of the class. Child's name will not go on the attendance sheet unless the fee has been paid.

Materials to bring every Sunday to the class:

1. Three hole binder: to keep all the handouts for future reference, -a notebook, pencil and eraser. (Please make sure pencil is sharpened)

Thank you for enrolling your child in Hindi-class.