



Weekly Update

23rd SEPTEMBER 2018 / 9:00 AM

Today's Activities

1. Guru Stotram
2. Ganesha Pancharatnam Bhajan (Para 1, 2 & 3)
3. Back to Balavihar meeting for Grade 5 Parents
4. A very detailed revision and Q&A for the Mahabharata story covered in Week 1 (Sept 9th) & Week 2 (Sept 23rd)
5. Continued further into the next set of Mahabharata chapters
 - Pandu's curse after killing the deer
 - Kunti's boon from Sage Durvasa during her teenage days in the kingdom of Kuntibhoja and the birth of all the Pandavas
 - Gandhari's boon from Veda Vyasa and birth of all the Kauravas
6. Additional topics
 - Geeta Chanting with Swami Shantanandaji
 - Plan for next week
 - Blog volunteers for following weeks
 - Week of 09/23: Sahasra
 - Week of 09/30: Varun
 - Conclusion prayer
7. Reminder to the kids for items to be brought to the class
 - A notebook (does not have to be new. Can reuse any old notebook, as long as it has 30+pages)
 - Pencil / Pen / Eraser to take notes
 - A small binder to keep any sheets of paper that we might distribute in the class
 - **My prayer book**

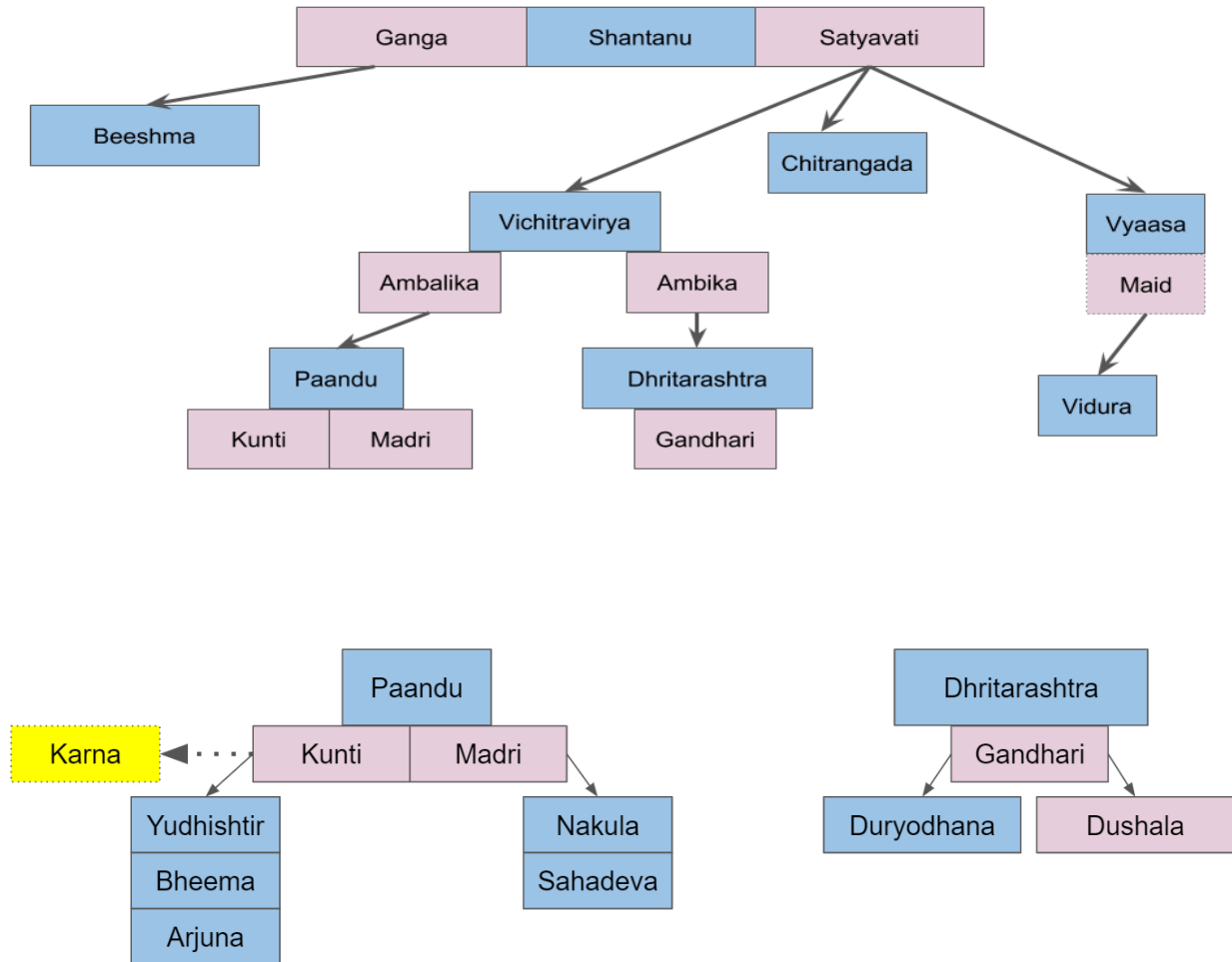
Next Meeting Agenda

1. Brief Review the previous week's story
2. Quiz
3. Continue the Mahabharata story format into the Birth of the Pandavas & Kauravas
4. Learn the next para of Ganesha Pancharatnam Bhajan



Questions Parents should ask children this week

1. Quiz them on the following family tree



2. What was the reason Paandu & Kunti went to different gods to bless them child?

Ans: Yudhishtira from Yamadharmaraja as a king should have the qualities of justice & dharma towards his kingdom; Bheema from Vayu Bhagavan for Strength; Arjun from Indra as an invincible warrior; Nakula (Good Looking, skills of horse-keeping, Ayurveda & weapons) & Sahadeva (Ability to see the future, very Knowledgeable, un-biased & Honest) from the Ashwini twims

3. How were the 100 Kauravas (boys) and 1 girl (Dhusala) born to Gandhari?

Ans: With the help of Veda Vyasa's ascetic power, distributing the mass of flesh into 100 vases (100 boys) and one small piece for a girl

4. When & How did Kunti get her boon and what did she do? What are the lessons?



Ans: When Kunti was a teenager, due to her selfless service to Sage Durvasa. As a typical teenager she could control her urge to test the mantras. This resulted in her giving birth to Karna in her teenage without being married, whom she then decided to part with by setting him afloat in the river in a basket. She learnt the lessons of being patient and following the rules laid down by the elders

Activities for home

1. Try and repeat Ganesha Pancharatnam first, second & third para with your child