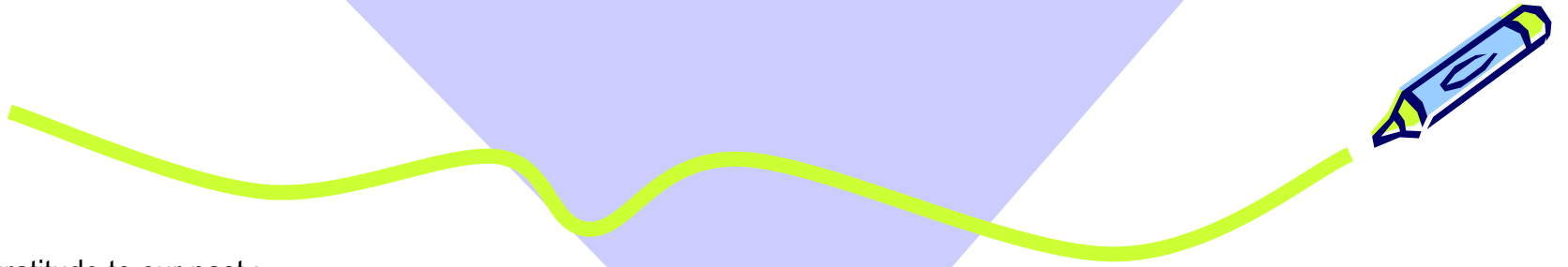


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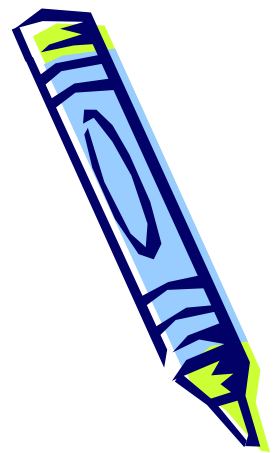
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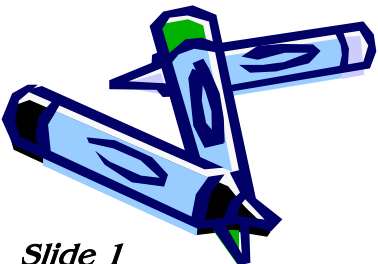
Infinite gratitude to our past ;
Infinite service to our present ;
Infinite responsibility to our future .
- Chinese Proverb

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Why Bangla?

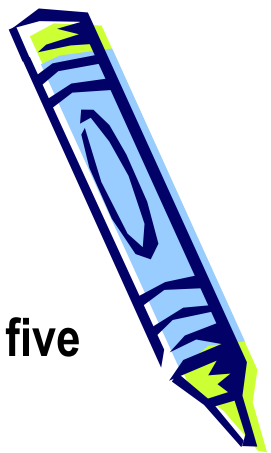


- **Number of Austinite Bangladeshis has increased.**
- **Teaching Bangla has been individual parent's responsibility, hobby.**
- **Children have ability to learn multiple languages at an early age, which diminishes as they grow older.**
- **Children learn about their cultural heritage and roots with a sense of pride.**
- **Bangla can be an excellent tool of communication between children and parent.**
- **Schools in the US have many other languages; but not Bangla.**

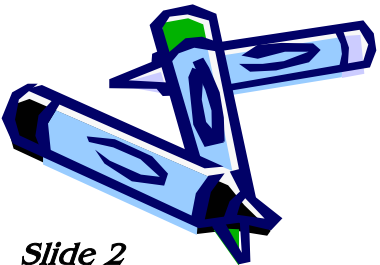


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Our Goals



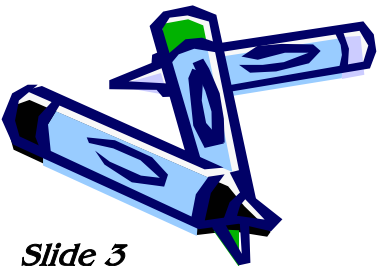
- **Starting with a Summer only program, we add one level every year for five years.**
- **1st year, 2001: Summer session at a private facility for 2 months, followed by a year around monthly review sessions, until next Summer.**
 - বর্গমালা শ্রেণী
- **Adding one level every year, on the 5th year, we will have five levels.**
 - 5th year, 2005: Five levels**
 - বর্গমালা শ্রেণী, শব্দশেখা শ্রেণী, যুক্তাক্ষর শ্রেণী, সরল-পাঠ শ্রেণী, ব্যাকরণ শ্রেণী



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Our Perspective

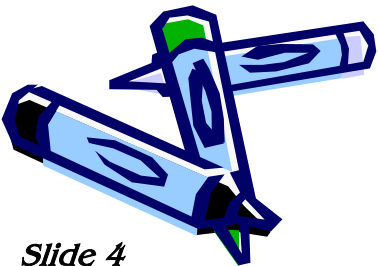
- **This is a Austinite Bangladeshi Community project.**
- **Parents are the initiators, organizers and patrons.**
- **Parents will also have the responsibility of maintaining the continuity of the project.**



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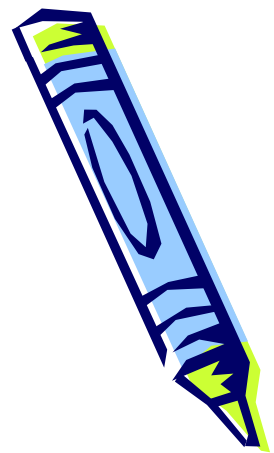
Guides/Teachers

- We will search for volunteers to guide/teach our children with their Bangla lessons and culture of Bangladesh.
- Current volunteers for one level: *Mily, Moon, Rubina.*
- We are presenting a sample program, subject to changes felt necessary by the organizers.

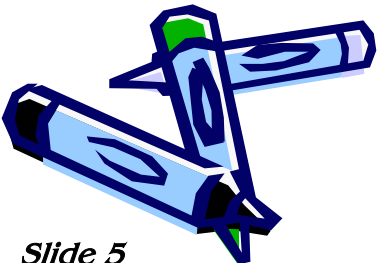


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Program Structure



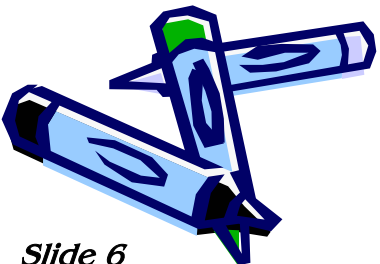
- Summer program will consists of the following:
 - 2 months, 2 sessions/week, 2 hours/session.
 - Each two hour session will be divided into 3 periods:
 - 1st period: 1 hour: Formal Bangla Language (*reading and writing*)
 - 2nd period: 30 min: Bangladeshi Games (*বরফ-পানি, বৌ-চি, হা-ডু-ডু, etc.*)
 - 3rd period: 30 min: Extra curricular activities such as:
 - » Conversational Bangla
 - » General Knowledge on Bangladesh (*মানচিত্র, রাজধানী, টাকা, etc.*)
 - » History of Bangladesh (*একুশে, বিজয় দিবস, etc.*)
 - » Math in Bangla (*Numbers and simple math*)
 - » Popular Rhymes in Bangla (*নোটন নোটন, ভোর হোল, etc.*)
 - » Bangla Classics (*রবীন্দ্র-নজরুল ছড়া, গান, etc.*)
 - » Bangla Fairytales (*ঠাকুরমার ঝুলি, etc.*)
- *Once a month review sessions until next Summer to help children remember materials from previous Summer.*



Facilities



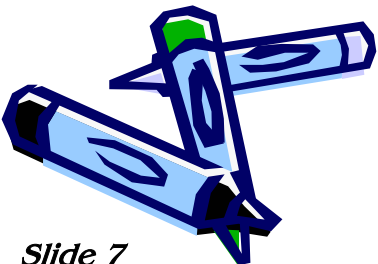
- **Private Facilities (Asian American Cultural Center):**
 - No requirements dictated by the center.
 - Venue fee is 30% of the registration fee for each child.
 - Standard language course fee at the center (*Chinese, Japanese*) : \$30/month.
- **Public Facilities (AISD, RRISD community schools):**
 - Requirements, rules are dictated by ISD.
 - Facilities can only be used during school days (No weekends or evenings)
 - Summer program schedule must be June to July.
 - ISD dictates registration fees which includes venue, facilities and teacher salaries.
 - Minimum language course fee (*Spanish, French, Hindi, etc.*) : \$30/month.
 - Teachers apply officially to ISD.



Administrative Issues

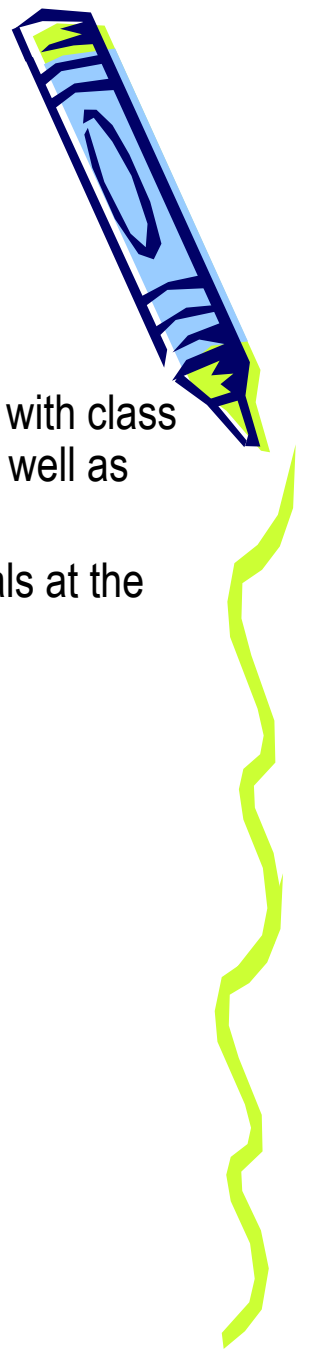


- **Guides/Teachers:**
 - We will try to provide 2 to 3 volunteers for each level.
- **Materials:**
 - Main text book for each level will be brought from Bangladesh.
 - Additional reference materials will be prepared as necessary.
 - School working body will prepare and decide the materials for language and extra-curricular activities.
- **Fees:**
 - \$30/month or as needed.



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Additional Issues



- **Age Requirement:**

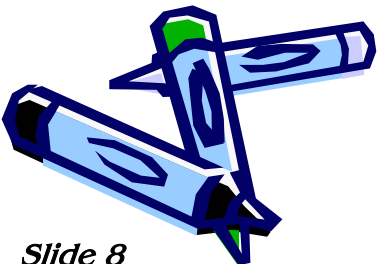
- We propose kindergarten and above (5+):
 - Children will have started regular school which gives them experience with class etiquettes, lessons, homework and a certain level of independence as well as learning with other children.
 - This experience is helpful as they can then concentrate on the materials at the Bangla school.

- **Summer and review sessions:**

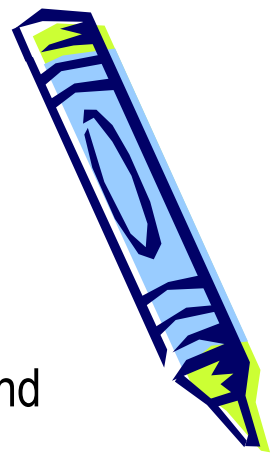
- We propose:
 - Summer : June 1st to August 1st : Mon, Thurs 6:30PM-8:30PM.
 - Review: September – May : 1st Sunday of the month, 11AM-1PM.

- **Parents' involvement:**

- Leading, organizing, working for the improvement of the project.
- Volunteer to guide/teach children with the Bangla lessons.



Additional Issues (cont.)



- **Working Body:**

- We propose formation of a ABS working body consists of parents and volunteers to:
 - Discuss and decide on the issues, policies of the project.
 - Modify and improve the project when necessary.
 - Initiate, organize events related to the project.
 - Promote and encourage others in the community to get involved in the project.

