

## **SCHOOL IS OPEN!**

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This year we had a big rush of students 500! By July 10<sup>th</sup> we had to completely close our admissions and post a sign on the gate. We had less than 10 new teachers this year – Increasing salaries last year certainly helped teacher retention!

Professional teacher trainer, Priya Iyer, came again to Little Stars to train our 32 teachers. Every Saturday we have a half day of school to continue with teacher development. Each week two teachers give a demonstration lesson to the others and then discuss as a group ways to improve the lesson. Additional teaching tips and special workshops are also provided. Founder Asha Pandey also visits daily each new teachers classroom to help them in their progress. The improvement in LSS education is clearly visible!

Repairs and maintenance are going on as always. A special treat this year is that all classrooms with no fans received them! The entrance hall and office were painted. Small desks that will allow nursery students to sit on a rug while studying were also purchased and should soon be arriving at school.

### June Holidays in the Hostel

The hostel girls enjoyed a lot during their vacation. They went first to stay for more than two weeks in founder Asha Pandey's family home in the village. There they learned about village life and enjoyed a lot in the beauty of nature. After this the girls with some family went home to visit them for a few days. Girls with no family: Swadha, Netra, Vidhi, and Angela went to Delhi and Agra with Asha to see the Taj Mahal! It was such a big treat for all.

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Opening Day Puja



School Children performing Havan for new school year.



Teacher's working in groups during training.



First day of school in lower kindergarten.



Students receiving more detailed instructions!



Boy studying.



Hostel Girls at Lotus Temple.



Hostel girls at train station.

