

Pearls of Wisdom

Mantra Pearls



Sarasvati Mantra

om sarasvati namastubhyam varade kāma rūpiṇi
vidyārambham kariṣyāmi siddhirbhavatu me sadā

*Oh, Goddess Sarasvatī, our salutations to Thee.
Oh, fulfiller of all my desires, I am to begin my sacred studies.
May my pursuit of knowledge end in success.*

*Sarasvati - Goddess of Knowledge / namaha - salutations / tubhyam - to you /
varade kāma rūpiṇi - one who gives boons, the fulfiller of desires /
vidyārambham kariṣyāmi - I am now beginning the studies / siddhirbhavatu -
may there be success / me sadā - for me always*



Samskara * Rite of Passage Initiation into studies: Aksharaabhyaasam/Vidyaarambham

Aksharabhyasam is a traditional religious function in which a child is given initiation for writing / education.

'Akshara' means 'letters / alphabets' in Sanskrit.

'Abhyasam' means 'practice'. This is generally performed in a temple or at home.

Write Saraswati Mantra on grain, sand and on the tongue.

a. Writing on grains; Writing on grains denotes the acquisition of knowledge which leads to prosperity.

b. Writing on sand under sunlight; Writing on sand under the sunlight

denotes practice and everlasting knowledge with good memory power,

thinking ability and analytical skills.

c. Writing on tongue; Writing on the tongue invokes the grace of Saraswati Devi.

d. Pradaksina - Walking (clockwise) with the books on the head around the altar chant Saraswati Mantra



List for SACRED STUDY CEREMONY/

Preparations:

Prepare an altar

- Nice table
- Cloth
- Sarasvati deity and/or others OR an object that represents knowledge.
- 1 Candle and lighter
- Flowers
- Instruments, books, notebook, pencil etc.
- Images teachers

Extra for healing purpose

- Images when you went to school/ parents
- Any other item that represents that phase

List of Samskara/ rite of passage

- plate of rice/grains
- plate of sand or something else
- golden/brass/silver spoon
- Japa Mala
- favourite books