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Newsletter

Greetings from Chudar!

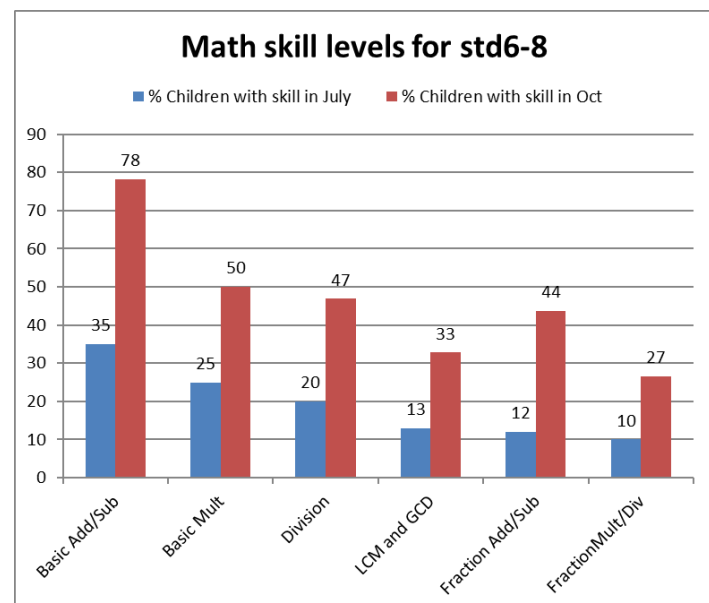
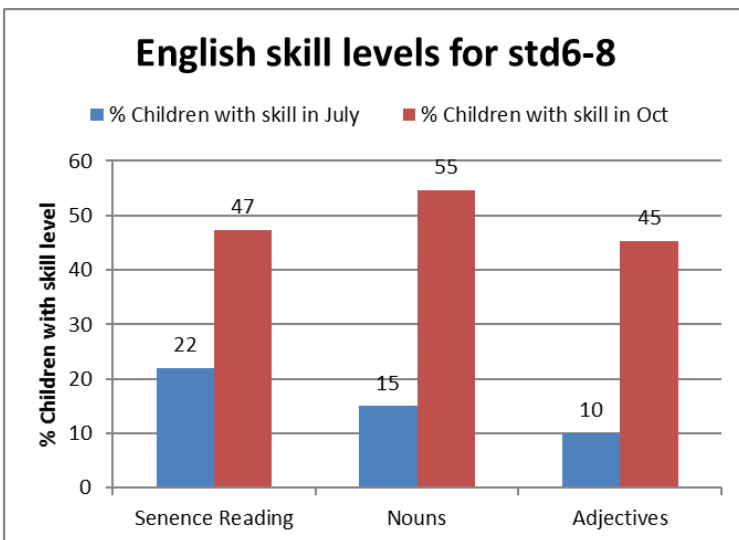
It has been a difficult month for Chennai with the passing away of the CM, followed by cyclone Vardah! Many families of students in our centers have been affected. At Chudar, we are working to provide relief to these families and will keep you posted on our facebook page about progress.

In this newsletter, we are excited to share the learning progress of students at our after-school centers. Unlike government exams which test whether students can memorize their textbook, at Chudar we periodically track concepts and skills that children have learned.

The charts below show the skill levels in English and Mathematics for std 6-8 children in July and October. The maths assesment included basic arithmetic skills along with middle-school skills. We are excited to note the significant progress in skill levels across our 5 centers, which together reach 161 children. We hope to keep improving and ensure that all children can learn all these skills!

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Volunteers speak about their experiences...

Sidhyansh is a student at IIT Madras, and has been volunteering at our Kotturpuram center. He says "It's been a wonderful experience teaching these kids who grow up with limited resources. Through my experience at Chudar, I believe that India can realize its true potential when these kids get good quality education. I encourage everyone to contribute towards this mission!".

Mageshwari volunteers at our Saidapet center. She shares "the procedure followed is great with regards to the timetable and worksheets. The students have good power of understanding...special care should be given to Tamil medium students who find difficulty in English. More volunteers are required for the individual attention of children. The idea of evaluating children is really good!



Visit to Vandalur Zoo

To celebrate our student's achievement and to commemorate children's day on November 14 – Chudar organized a trip to the vandalur zoo, for a day filled with fun and games!

For many children, it was their first visit to the zoo and they absolutely enjoyed it! We also held A drawing competition was held where the children showed their creativity inspired by the animals around them. The day ended with a prize distribution for the winners of the competition. We would like to extend a big thankyou to all the volunteers who participated in our children's day celebration and ensured a safe and enjoyable day for everyone.



Ravishankar on News-18 channel program on education quality



On November 29, News 18 Tamilnadu channel organized a debate on the issue of education quality in tamilnadu in their "Kalathin Kural" program. Our founder Dr.A.Ravishankar, highlighted the problems of rote memorization within our education system which Chudar is addressing through its work. The program was televised across the state and we hope that more voices speak up to address the learning quality problem.

Training at AMM Arunachalam school



On November 18, the Chudar team travelled to the AMM Arunachalam higher secondary school located in Nagercoil to conduct teacher trainings for our new content. Raghu Chandran, Lakshmi, and Hema spent time with the staff to go over what we researched and developed over the past few months. We look forward to working with the school in the coming year.