



# North South Foundation - MA Chapter

Announces the 2008 Regional Contests for Indian American Children

Spelling, Math, Vocabulary, Essay, Public Speaking and Geography

**April 5 and 6, 2008 @ MIT, Cambridge, MA**

**April 12 and 13, 2008 @ FSC, Fitchburg, MA**

Details and online registration at [www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org)

## Need HELP? Come to our WORKSHOPS FUNDRAISER

Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, MA

SATURDAY, Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> 2008		SUNDAY, Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> 2008	
Math L1	12:00-2:00 pm	Public Speaking	9:00 – 11:00 am
Math L2	2:30-4:30 pm	Vocabulary	12:00 – 2:00 pm
Math L3	2:30-4:30 pm	Essay Writing	2:30 – 4:30 pm

To register send an email to [rumanathneogy@gmail.com](mailto:rumanathneogy@gmail.com) before Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.

All workshops are a parent-child workshop. The coordinator will describe the particular bee in detail in the NSF context and parents can ask questions. Each workshop is ~2 hours long. Workshop fees are \$25 which is a donation for India Scholarships. All workshops provide a study booklet, the cost of which depends on the number of participants (\$5 ~ \$8).

### MATH LEVELS 1, 2 OR 3 (separate workshops for each level)

Math workshops will cover the following - Importance of Math, Math is fun, Role of Students and Parents, and Problem Solving Strategies. Children will solve problems using these strategies during the workshop. 75 practice problems, answers and references will also be provided.

### VOCABULARY (all levels combined)

Vocabulary workshops will cover the following – vocabulary learning based on context, dictionary skills, root words, prefixes and suffixes, language origins. Lots of words will be dissected and learnt along with interactive games to make it fun. Strategies for long term vocabulary building will also be discussed. A mock bee will be included.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

In this workshop, participants will learn how to conquer their fears and empower themselves with leadership and confidence. Several tips and strategies for maximizing stage performance, the mechanics of body language, the craft of speech writing will be covered. Participants will get opportunities to be coached, critiqued and evaluated.

### ESSAY WRITING (new this year focusing on MCAS Open-Response Writing)

In this 2 hour, hands-on workshop, students will be presented with actual MCAS questions, sample responses, the grading rubric, and a systematic method for answering such questions to graders' specs. Students will grade sample papers to get a sense of what is expected of them, and once this understanding is established, students will write their own papers and grade them. Students will leave this workshop with the actual MCAS rubric against which their open response papers will be graded, and with some sample papers showing what there are expected to produce. They will also be provided with some sample questions with which to practice. There will also be a list of suggestions for parents wanting to help their children practice clear, concise and effective writing in their everyday lives. This workshop will be differentiated into two groups: students in 3rd through 5th grades and students in grades 6, 7, and 8.

### GEOGRAPHY (JUNIOR and SENIOR combined) **BASED on interest level**

**PLEASE NOTE and PLEASE HELP** - We are looking for sponsors to cover the cost of making the booklet in an effort to try to provide a lowcost booklet. If you know anyone who can help, please forward this flier to them. MA-Workshops are a volunteer effort run by parents like you. Parents can donate as well.