Level 1

Goal
By end of Level 1 kids should be able to
• Read, write and say most frequently used consonants
• Make simple words with these consonants
• Learn simple vocabulary (family members, numbers, body parts, etc.)

Instructions to parents
Each lesson in this level has three sections. First section is a story reading or singing song. It is always better to start with story or song to create interest and pre warming to learn letters. By singing songs kids get exposed to pronunciation or slant of Telugu language. This is much important to the kids living outside India. Through stories kids get exposed to Telugu vocabulary. There are five simple songs and four stories introduced in Level 1. Parents may follow the following guideline during story/song section.

Story
1. Read the story in Telugu one sentence at a time,
2. Explain the meaning of each sentence in English (or known language),
3. After completing all sentences read full story in Telugu,
4. Identify few key words from the story and say the meanings in English.

Song
1. Sing (or read) the song line by line,
2. Ask the kids to repeat after,
3. Repeat number of times, till kids can say most of the song.
Expected duration for this section is around 20 minutes.

During second section kids learn two letters per day. Try to follow these steps:
1. Introduce the first letter, say how is it pronounced,
2. Tell few English (or known language) words that have same starting sound,
3. Tell few Telugu words that start with that letter,
4. Use work sheet to trace the letter,
5. Repeat second letter in the same way,
6. Introduce the simple words with the letter learned in this (and previous) lesson(s),
7. Explain about the practice (homework) sheets.
Spend around 20 minutes for letters section.

The third section of the class is to introduce most frequently used vocabulary. At this point of time kids cannot read or write these words. Use transliteration words to say in Telugu. The purpose of this exercise is to teach the meanings/vocabulary. This vocabulary helps later to make sentences and in conversation. Another 20 minutes will be required for this section.

**Prepare before each class**
Please take print, read and prepare your self before teaching the kids. Duration suggested for each section is only for initial guideline and shall be adjusted based on kids ability to learn.

**Evaluation**
It is important to review the learning progress at frequent intervals. For Level 1 three review classes are included. Purpose of this review is not to rank the kids, but to get the feedback on how much they are able to learn and retain. Parent may have to try different way, if the kid performs poorly in the review. Spend additional classes if required to repeat difficult (according to the kid) letters.