

## *A Note about this Year's Brochure*

*You hold in your hands a reflection of Jeena, cast by an array of articles, poems and artworks put together by Jeena kids and families. The theme of this year's brochure is "How Jeena has touched your life." This theme runs through a rainbow of articles - right from The Bay Area, California to India. You will see families reflect on the joys brought by a social gathering, a trip camping, a workshop attended or just from the immense support from friends via email. Children's articles reflect mostly the happiness experienced when at Jeena.*

*At Jeena as many of you know, we believe in the potential of our children. We believe in Albert Camus' quote "Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend." This is what has brought forth this year's very special cover, an example of the children's potential and friendship, the friendship of Chandu and Siddharth. Chandu Balachandran, despite his busy high school schedule, spent hours learning the software and working with it to put together the cover design. The colorful artwork is also the work of our very own talented Siddharth Menon. Siddharth is in 7th grade and enjoys arts, crafts and music. The photographs are from various activities held at Jeena thru' the year like New Years, Halloween and Birthday Celebrations.*

*The brochure team would like to thank everyone who took time to write an article, send in an artwork or bring in an advertisement. A special thanks to the Gadre family, who graciously agreed to include children's colorful artwork on their advertisement page. Our thanks also to Monisha Redkar, a Jeena volunteer, who, like last year, has done the remarkable layout and graphics to make the inside of the brochure ever so appealing.*

*In closing we would like to remind you that the children's articles have not been edited for grammar and spelling, as we wish to accurately represent them in their original form.*

*JY '11 Brochure team,  
Monisha, Prathibha and Shruti*

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