



**Ms. Deepa**

Transformation into a Vedavallian

“No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure”

-Emma Goldman

My choice of teaching as a career was not made lightly; rather, it was the culmination of a process of reflection about what I wanted to do with my life. Tutoring my daughter gave a new insight and reinforced my resolve to take up teaching.

I realized that I still have much to learn. As the adage goes - “Who dares to teach must never cease to learn”: Vedavalli Vidyalaya is a trendsetter and path finder for many novel initiatives like teacher training programme, where home makers like me are transformed into career women and from a parent to a teacher parent.

The great educationalists Smt. Satyabhama and Smt. Susheela Raghavan are my role models. They were highly inspirational, excellent communicators, firm and fair and knew how to motivate teachers, while setting up high expectations.

I understood that to be like them I have to forge my own style of teaching, drawing on my strengths, knowledge, skills, values and experiences. During these years, I have handled responsibilities in various school committees, coordinated the school magazine and for the past four years, I am also an academic Co-ordinator. I give credit for my growth to the excellent and accelerated training given by my school.

I am also engaged in Peer Mentoring and Team Teaching thereby enriching my experience. I grow along with stimulating the pupils' ability to 'Learn how to learn' by themselves. The guidance by the management has encouraged me to add MBA and B.Ed. to my qualifications and currently to pursue my Ph.D.

Teachers individually and collectively can not only change the world, but also improve it, and in the process find personal and professional satisfaction. The training has enabled me to respond sensitively to the differences in the home backgrounds and circumstances of my pupils. I greatly value my role in the education of my pupils.