

School's out! Join MERCUTM School Holiday Programmes this November.



Engage in fun and exciting, yet educational activities this November in MERCUTM **School Holiday Programmes (SHOP)**. Be it workshops or a camp, SHOP offers a stimulating environment for students to enhance their social skills and to explore their thinking skills. The programmes are catered to students aged 7 to 12 years old.

Primary 6 students would be in for an adventure at the **Camp Odyssey**. Organised for the fourth time, this 3 days 2 nights camp is catered to students advancing to Secondary 1 in 2009. The camp would be held from 15 to 17 November 2008 at Camelot Changi Coast Adventure Centre. It prepares students on the challenges of being a teenager and tackles issues such as self-discovery, confidence-building, interaction between genders and coping with puberty change. Parents would gain interesting insights from the parental talk on 16 November, focusing on the topic 'Teenage Years, Prime Period for My Growing Child'.

"The activity I liked most in the camp is canoeing. We face lots of challenges and I couldn't believe that I'm out there in the sea. It teaches us to be tough and strong...no matter what!" said Haidah Hidayah, a Camp Odyssey 2007 participant, when asked which activity she liked the most.

Narisha also shared her camp experience, particularly on the night walk, *"My journey during the night walk was unimaginable! At first, I was extremely afraid of what to expect, but when I finished, I felt a great sense of achievement. Yippee!"*

With the aim of instilling interest for Mathematics, MERCUTM will run 3 programmes focusing on this subject. The **Thinking Skills Programme** for current Primary 1 and 2 students will be on 17 to 19 November 2008 and current Primary 3 and 4 students on 24 to 28 November 2008. This programme adopts a thematic approach involving both outdoor and indoor activities covering mathematical concepts such as numerical and geometrical skills. It is bound to intrigue the students, as there would be lots of fun hands-on activities.

Practice Makes Perfect - MATheculous, from 24 to 28 November 2008, aims to strengthen students' foundation in Mathematics. The programme assists current Primary 3 and 4 students to jumpstart next year's syllabus with better confidence.

PSLE Preparatory Programme from 24 to 27 November 2008, prepares your child early for next year's PSLE. It aims to equip children with the relevant skills for the crucial examination. Students would also get up close and personal with nature, through an educational trail based on thinking questions.

Mr. Azman Atan, General Manager of MERCUTM Learning Point, said *"By having these programmes during the holidays, MERCUTM hopes to provide opportunities for children to explore, experience and express. The activities incorporated are also geared towards developing children to be independent, think and solve problems creatively and work in teams. MERCUTM emphasizes the importance of having fun while learning and exploring new skills and knowledge. That will be the main approach for the school holiday programmes."*

Enrich your child with the necessary skills and knowledge during the upcoming November school holidays at MERCUTM. The School Holiday Programmes: Camp Odyssey, Thinking Skills Programmes, Practice Makes Perfect – MATHeCulous and PSLE Prep Programme, cater to children aged 7 to 12 years old.

About MERCUTM Learning Point

MERCUTM Learning Point is an education and training provider that offers a comprehensive range of programmes and services to the general public, corporate, grassroots organisations and other Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs).

Set up in 1999, MERCUTM comprises of Kidz Meadow - a kindergarten and three childcare centres, two student care centres, three learning centres that offer academic and enrichment for students and a Private School offering private GCE 'O' and 'N' Level programmes.

We kindly request the media's support and assistance to inform members of the public of these programmes so that they may take advantage of its benefits. Should you require more information, please contact Ms Sumarni at 6346 8301 or e-mail: sumarni@merculearning.com

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