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Learn and have fun through MERCUTM School Holiday Programme this
November



This holiday, bid goodbye to re-runs on television, mindless games and mundane revision books, and say hello to fun and interactive MERCUTM School Holiday Programme (SHOP).

For the 4th year running, MERCUTM School Holiday Programme (SHOP), which focuses on experiential learning, consists of five unique programmes catered to different age groups:

- 1) **Thinking Skills P1 and P2** (for Primary One and Two)
- 2) **Thinking Skills P3 and P4** (for Primary Three and Four)
- 3) **Practice Makes Perfect – MATHeculous** (for Primary Three and Four)
- 4) **PSLE Preparatory Programme** (for Primary Five)
- 5) **Camp Odyssey** (for Primary Six)

The '**Thinking Skills P1 and P2**' will give students the opportunity to apply knowledge relating to mathematical concepts that they are exposed to and experience in their daily lives. Held from 23 to 25 November 2009, the programme adopts a thematic approach where students will learn the concepts through interesting games.

The '**Thinking Skills P3 and P4**' from 30 November to 4 December 2009 will bring students on a shopping 'spree' that will teach them about money and calculations. Students will also learn and develop social skills such as teamwork through an exciting outdoor trail in the Civic District.

'**Practice Makes Perfect – MATHeculous**', from 30 November to 4 December, 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.

In preparing the current P6 students for their secondary school life next a year, a 3 Days 2 Nights camp from 21 to 23 November 2009 at Pulau Ubin will bring the students on an experiential journey. '**Camp Odyssey**' prepares students on the roles and expectations of a teenager through activities that develop self-confidence, teamwork and management of challenges that they will encounter.

"I enjoyed the night walk as it built a lot of my self-confidence. I also like the dragon-boating as it builds teamwork and cooperation." Said Nur Natasha Binte Azman, a Camp Odyssey 2008 participant, when asked which activity she liked the most.

Another participant, Khairul Amsyar Bin Kamal shared his overall view of the camp. *"I like the team-building games most as it was fun and it really tested us on teamwork. After the camp, I have learnt to give in and face hardships just like how I would face in secondary school."*

The '**PSLE Preparatory Programme**', on 30 November to 3 December 2009, 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 skills.

Miss Fadhliyah Abdul Latiff, Assistant Manager for Corporate Sales and Business Development of MERCUTM Learning Point shared that *"Experiential learning is about learning by doing. It includes knowledge and skills acquired outside of book learning situations through work, play, and other life experiences. MERCUTM aims to provide the students with such an experience through our School Holiday Programme which is a fusion of education and fun. Students will also be challenged to think creatively and to work in a team."*

Don't miss out enriching yourself with the necessary skills and knowledge through MERCUTM School Holiday Programme (SHOP). Your school holidays will never be the same again.

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 has an extensive network of early childhood educational centres, student care centres and learning centres.

MERCUTM comprises of a kindergarten, 3 childcare centres, 3 student care centres, and 3 learning centres that offer academic and enrichment for students and a private school offering private GCE 'N' and 'O' 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 Adibah at 6346 8301 or e-mail: adibah@merculearning.com

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