

Enrich your child's school holidays with MERCUTM
School Holiday Programmes this November!



MERCUTM **School Holiday Programmes (SHOP)** aims to prepare your child for the new academic year in 2008. SHOP offers a fun, welcoming and stimulating environment for students to enhance their social skills and to explore their thinking skills. Be engaged in a camp or an educational workshop, SHOP caters to students aged 7 to 12 years old.

For the third year running, **Camp Odyssey** is organised for students advancing to Secondary 1 in 2008. This 3 days 2 nights camp (19 to 21 November 2007) 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. In view of the pressing issues among teens, MERCUTM takes effort to engage the parents by incorporating a talk by Mdm Hamidah Bahashwan on 'Teenage Years Prime Period for My Growing Child.' Students will also be involved in activities that promote teambuilding and self-confidence like raft-building, kayaking and night walk. Through these initiatives, the camp aims to build child's self confidence in managing his or her roles and expectations as a teenager.

"I am overjoyed that I can make new friends here and able to communicate well with my team members!" shared Nadirah Amir Hamzah, one of the Camp Odyssey participants.

A new programme to be introduced this year is the **Thinking Skills Programme** for Primary 1 and 2 (19 to 21 November) and Primary 3 and 4 (26 to 30 November). The programme adopts a thematic approach involving both outdoor and indoor activities covering mathematical concepts such as numerical and geometrical skills.

Mr Shahfiran Salim, Manager (Enrichment Programmes) said, *"The Thinking Skills Programme provides opportunities to nurture students' capabilities in critical thinking, creativity and decision-making through problem-solving tasks. It caters to the rising needs for the development of inquiring minds among students."*

Practice Makes Perfect - MATHeculous, from 26 to 30 November 2007, 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.

Prepare your child early for next year's PSLE in the **PSLE Preparatory Programme** from 26 to 29 November 2006. This programme aims to equip children with the right skills to sit for the crucial examination.

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, PSLE Prep Programmes, 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 has an extensive network of early childhood centres, student care centres, learning centres and a private school.

MERCUTM comprises one pre school and two childcare centres, four student care centres and three learning centres that offer tuition and enrichment for students and a Private School offering full-time 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 6892 6944 or e-mail: sumarni@merculearning.com

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