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Training Workshops

Interactive Minds

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1. How to Coach Your Children in Maths

Duration: 16 hours (2 days) Fee: As indicated below

Participants: Parents, Kindergarten teachers & students

Venue: classroom

Synopsis: The workshop will show parents ways on how to coach and help their children learn Maths at home using manipulative. The techniques used are simple and easy to follow and has been used by hundreds of parents in helping their children understand Maths concepts. It will cover all the topics in the MOE syllabus and will include a pack of resources of manipulative (for P1) and workbook to enhance children's learning. The fee for the workshop is as indicated below including the resources and materials:

1. **P1 Preparatory Maths => Work book + Lesson Guide + Manipulative = \$240/family (parent & child)**
2. **P1 Maths Term 1 to Term 4 =>Work book + Lesson Guide = \$220/family (parent & child)**
3. **P2 Maths Term 1 to Term 4 =>Work book + Lesson Guide = \$220/ family (parent & child)**
4. **P3 Maths Term 1 to Term 4 => Work book + Lesson Guide = \$220/ family (parent & child)**

2. Technology & Languages (Menyelami Bahasa Bersama Teknologi)

Duration: 4 - 28 hours (depending on the number of programs)

Participants: Teachers & Students

Fee: \$20/hr per pax

Venue: Computer Lab

Synopsis: Students will be exposed to various learning techniques in enhancing their language skills and develop in-depth learning in the uses of the Malay/English language. At the end of the workshop the students will be able to apply their language skills in developing interactive language games and quizzes using the **Quiz Maker IT Tool** as the key to learning languages. More specifically the use of IT tools that will not only help speed up and advance the acquisition of the language but can also provide an enriched language elearning environment that builds on their existing language skills while promoting the development of the language through using the appropriate interactive features within the toolkits.

The purpose of this quiz-making IT tool is to enable you to create interactive teaching exercises which can be delivered to any computer equipped with a browser. The exercises use HTML and JavaScript to implement their interactivity, but you do NOT need to know anything about these languages in order to use the programs. All you need to do is enter the data for your exercises (questions, answers, responses etc.), and press a button. The program will create the Web pages for you, and you can then upload them.

2. How To Prepare Your Children To Be Smart Students/Learners

Duration: 1 hour: Fee: \$200/hr

Participants: Teachers, Students & Parents

Venue: classroom

Synopsis: Participants will be exposed to various ways on how to enhance students learning capacity. Apart from that they will be introduced to study skills and effective techniques to memorize, gain comprehension skill, summary and reading skill, spelling and easy multiplication memorization skill. Participants will learn ways on how to help their children study smart and score! Participants will get free tickets to attend a 3-hour seminar for their family more!

4. Developing Higher Order Thinking Skills in Children

Duration: 1 - 2 hours Budget: \$200/hour

Participants: Teachers & Parents

Venue: classroom

Synopsis: In order to develop higher order thinking skills in children it is important for us to start from young. Children develop through both nature and nurture and as parents and teachers it is important for us to create the right environment to nurture this skill. Participants will be introduced to activities that will enhance children's thinking skills as well as some advice on the right nutrition of to provide to children so that they will be alert and able to focus better in the things they do especially in their studies.

5. Daily activities that enhanced children's learning in Language, Maths & Science

Duration: 1 - 2 hours (depending on the number of activities) Fee: \$200/hour

Participants: Teachers & Parents

Venue: classroom

Synopsis: There are many activities that we can conduct in our daily routine that will help in our children's learning. Children can be introduced to Maths and Science as early as when they are born and these activities can be included in their daily routine without creating or buying special and expensive toys. This workshop will show parents how to create learning activities out of the everyday things that they do and where can they bring their children to learn and play at the same time. These activities will help introduce and also enhance children's cognitive development in early understanding of Science's and Maths' concepts at the early stage in their life as well as develop language skill.

6. Effective Discipline Workshop

Duration: 1 - 2 hours (depending on the number of activities) Fee: \$200/hour

Participants: Parents

Venue: classroom

Synopsis: For each generation, parents have to face the challenge of helping children grow into responsible adults. In doing so, parents need to realise that the parenting style of their own parents may not be appropriate for their children in today's context. Their own children may challenge their authority to see where their boundaries lie. This talk will encourage parents and equip them with tools for firm yet loving discipline with special attention on how to help their children cope with the changes from pre-school to primary school.

7. Raising Interested Readers

Duration: 2 hours Fee: \$200/hour

Participants: Parents

Venue: classroom

Synopsis: Parents will be introduced to ways to encourage reading habits in their children. The Topic Outlines are as indicated below:

1. The ABC of How to Help Your Child Love Reading

- ◆ *the Importance and benefits of reading to your child.*

2. Ways to read to your child: -

- ◆ Reading aloud
- ◆ Shared reading
- ◆ Guided reading
- ◆ Independent reading

3. Creating the learning environment for your child

- ◆ Creating a reading-friendly environment
- ◆ Selecting book resources for children.
- ◆ Creating resources for your child
- ◆ Ways to make reading fun!

8. Conflict Management for Teachers

Duration: 4 hours Fee: \$300/hr

Participants: Teachers

Venue: classroom

Synopsis: This workshop aims to provide teachers with the necessary tools that will address any conflict or issues that arises during their teaching career. Teachers will be exposed to ways of handling conflict and thinking on their feet on how to handle colleagues, parents and students. They will be trained in using techniques in conflict resolution. The workshop hopes that at the end of it teachers will meet the following objectives:

- ◆ Understanding conflict in relationships
- ◆ Conflict may feel more threatening
- ◆ Successful conflict resolution
- ◆ Quick stress relief
- ◆ Emotional awareness
- ◆ Nonverbal communication
- ◆ Humour
- ◆ Tips for managing and resolving conflict

9. Understanding by Design Workshop

Duration: 2 - 24 hours (depending on the workshop's objectives) Fee: \$300/hr

Participants: Teachers

Venue: classroom

In line with MOE tagline "Teach Less Learn More" The teachers will be trained to design curriculum that fits classroom learning via understanding by design concepts. Teachers will be shown how to design activity-based lessons in any subject. The workshop will cover the following areas:

Overview of UbD & Identify the Desired Outcome – where teachers will be trained to develop the Big Ideas behind the lessons they are designing and to think of the Enduring

Understanding and Essential Questions behind the lessons to help better understanding in their students.

Determining Acceptable Evidence – teachers will be trained to develop Authentic Transfer Task and Other Evidence with the help of the 6 facets of understanding to help their students understand.

How People Learn – In addition teachers will learn the relationship between UbD and how the brain learns. This will include the drafting of Lesson Plan & Designing Activity and understanding the 4 Characteristics of the Learning Brain.

Designing & Assessing the Activity – At the end of the workshop teachers will be able to design activitybased lessons for either IT based or normal classroom learning. The course is divided into 2 areas:

1. IT Activity-based lessons (24 hours)
2. Classroom Activity-based lessons (24 hours)

10. The Art of Authentic Assessment

Duration: 2 - 24 hours (depending on the workshop's objectives) Fee: \$300/hr

Participants: Teachers, Students & Parents

Venue: classroom

Synopsis: This workshop aims to provide teachers with the necessary authentic assessment tools that will enhance their teaching and assessment practices. It will also enhance their students learning as well as address strategies to assess deep understanding, higher order thinking skills, real-world problem solving, and other high authentic intellectual quality so that these important skills can be incorporated into classroom teaching and learning. They will be trained in designing hands-on activities that enhance understanding of various types of

authentic assessments, assessment task design, lesson plans, rubrics development, and the alignment between assessment, curriculum, and pedagogy will be included.

The workshop hopes that at the end of it teachers will meet the following objectives:

- ◆ Develop a type of authentic assessment for a lesson/curriculum unit that will enhance the learning of their students;
- ◆ Communicate the assessment results with students and parents;
- ◆ Defend their own assessment practices, and
- ◆ Create greater understanding within the school community of the importance of authentic assessments.

About Interactive Minds

Interactive Minds is an educational consultancy company that provides services to student, teacher, parent and organization in the areas of educational technology, language development as well as primary school mathematics. (Company Reg No: 53096824W)

Trainers' Profile

Mohd Daud A Rahim, Principal Consultant

- *BA (Double Hons) Management Science and Computer Science*
- *ACTA certified,*
- *Edutrust Panels of Consultant,*
- *PMC Certified,*
- *Members of IMC,*

An education enthusiast, he has wide experience in providing consultancy and training in both profit and non profit organisation. He has conducted training in areas of Information Technology such as Learning Management System, Instructional Design, Content Management System, Accounting System, eHalal Application as well as in business domain areas such as financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

He has also devoted his expertise in providing training to parents who are looking to improve their primary school mathematics skills. Mohd Daud takes a 360 degrees approach in designing training programmes that are dedicated to the unique requirements of his clients. He deploys knowledge through learning strategies that are methodological, well-researched and hybrids of traditional training with technology application. His mission is to ensure the delivery of an outstanding result through the transformation of the inner mechanics of the individual and of the organization.

Sariah bte Sopari, Education Consultant

- *Bachelor of Arts (Childhood and Family Education),*
- *Master of Education (Curriculum & Teaching),*
- *ACTA certified*

She has wide experience working in the education arena from pre-school to adult learning. She has taught or worked in MOE schools, private schools as well as International school such as Singapore American School.

She has conducted training for students, parents and teachers in the teaching of activity based learning for religious education, English Language, Malay Language, Mathematics and Science for pre-school to primary school level.

She had throughout her career path trained teachers in the areas of

- Pedagogy,
- Curriculum Development
- Understanding by Design,
- Child Development,
- Classroom Management,
- Authentic Assessment,
- Conflict Management,
- Mentoring and Supervision as well as
- Centre Management.

Apart from that she also conducted workshops for parents in parenting skills such as Effective Discipline, Developing Higher Order Thinking Skills in Children, Study Skills, Daily activities that enhanced children's learning in Language, Mathematics & Science and others. Her pursuit for differentiated and activity based learning led her to develop the activity-based curriculum for the Singapore Islamic Education System. In ensuring that the teachers are competent in using the curriculum she had developed the Teacher's Training Prospectus as well as put together the Teacher's Professional Development for the Mosques' Madrasah Teachers.