



“Challenging young minds through technology”

Creativity and Learning Through Technology

Xperience! is an after school program for middle-school students that emphasizes creativity and learning skills through technology. We give your child the opportunity to develop his or her creative and intellectual skills using state-of-the-art computers and digital equipment.

SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Middle school is a crucial transitional stage in your child’s development. Xperience! provides a safe, pro-social, technology-based learning environment that encourages development of strong creative and teamwork skills. Our program is designed around a project-based curriculum where students work at their own speed.

BUILDING SELF-CONFIDENCE

We believe that self-confidence is the key to every child’s success, and that the best way to build self-confidence is through appropriate challenges, based on your child’s unique individual skills. We focus on developing your child’s talents and aptitudes through a variety of structured activities and exercises.

Personal Attention

Xperience! is a small program, with plenty of one-on-one assistance. Each student is given exclusive use of a laptop computer.

Creativity-Building Software Skills

Every student completing our program will be proficient in Adobe Photoshop Elements®. We offer an abundance of personal assistance, and students build portfolios of their work as they progress through the program.

Practical Software skills

The Xperience! students learn the basic skills necessary in Microsoft WORD, Excel and Outlook. Such as monthly typing tests, writing assignments and entering contests help them practice typing and formatting documents. We introduce Excel to use as a tool for tracking and use formulas manipulate data. Outlook and email etiquette are modes of communication used on a regular basis at Xperience!

Online Safety Education

We are very serious about online safety for students, including common sense rules for surfing and downloading. Each month, we select articles on the topic of online safety, which students read in front of the group and discuss. These articles then become students’ monthly typing projects.

Special Workshops

We often invite guest to visit the Xperience! program to speak to our students. For a list of past speakers, please visit www.xperience-ed.com.

SNAPSHOT OF 2010 - 11 SCHOOL YEAR

Cyberbullying:

We watched videos, role-played and discussed the meaning and consequences of cyber bullying.

Stock Market game:

Everyone starts with \$1,000 and they track their stocks. At the end of every quarter we reward the student whose portfolio reflected the highest increased in value.

Xperience! version of “Shark Tank”:

Students created a new business venture, including a business plan, flyer and made a pitch to the Xperience! sharks start up money.

Resume/Cover Letter Writing Assignment:

Everyone wrote resumes and cover letters to apply at positions open at the two winning companies from the Shark Tank game.

How to Interview:

With resume in hand, students went on to interview for the open positions.

“Look at Me - I’m On The Cover of a Magazine”:

Students created a magazine that reflected their passion and designed a cover that included their picture.

Around the World postcard:

Students selected their favorite international landmarks and with PhotoShop included themselves on the postcard they sent to a friend.

Claymations:

Lights, camera, action! With music and voice overs students create a short video.

Earth Day Poster:

An annual reminder to keep things green.

Calligraphy/Greeting Card Project:

Our big annual project that teaches sales and marketing. Students create cards from their calligraphy into their own original artwork with Photoshop Elements and keep the profit from card sales.

“Ultimate Party”:

Students choose a background (like a pool party) and using PhotoShop, add 20 guest to their party scene.

Community Service:

Japan Relief Fundraiser - This year the students collected money for the Japanese Red Cross and gave every donor a handmade greeting card as a thank you.

Why Xperience!

Challenge

Xperience! Students are challenged and achieve higher goals. They acquire skills beyond their age level.

Confidence

Xperience! students gain self-confidence and higher self-esteem. Because we are a small group, students receive individual attention, and recognition, for their accomplishments.

Technology

Xperience! students receive quality, hands-on technology lessons, using state-of-the-art computers and other digital equipment. Students learn to navigate a computer, work with multiple software programs and are informed on current technological events.

Time Management

Xperience! students learn to prioritize their school work, in addition to their extra-curricular activities by making time management a part of the thinking process.

Next Generation

Xperience! students will be prepared for the Next Generation of technology.

Community

Xperience! students interact with the Japantown community on many different levels. They have the opportunity to develop manners and communication etiquette not previously utilized.

Cooperation

Xperience! students participate in individual and team projects. The teams are rotated so that all students have the opportunity to be in both lead and support roles.

Fun

Xperience! students learn about new websites, go on field trips, make music CDs and participate in prize-winning contests.

PROGRAM BASICS

PROGRAM SITE

1830 Sutter St, 2nd floor
San Francisco, California 94115
Telephone: (415) 563-5801
Email: info@xperience-ed.com

PROGRAM HOURS

4:00 – 6:00 pm
(Monday through Friday)

TUITION*

5 days per week - \$250/month
4 days per week - \$230/month
3 days per week - \$205/month

* Prorated for winter/spring break

* Light snacks are provided

LOCATION

There are only three Japantowns in the United States - Los Angeles, San Jose and San Francisco. We chose to be located in the heart of Nihonmachi so that we may contribute to the vitality of the Japanese American community.

ABOUT US

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