



Hi, my name is Benjamin Leow. I attended Rivervale Primary School from 2003 to 2005 and 2008. I am currently studying in Victoria School located at Siglap Link and graduating this year, 2012.

I had a lot of fond memories of the years I spent in Rivervale Primary School. The ones that were especially significant to me were the Children's Day, Teachers' Day and Chinese New Year celebrations. These were the events that I thoroughly enjoyed as they were very unique and memorable - from the game booths to performances to class parties.

My P3 form teacher was Mrs Chan. She was a very caring teacher and always made every effort to ensure that our well-being was looked after. My P6 teachers, Mrs Hong (then Ms Ang) and Huang lao shi, were also teachers who made great impact in my life. They encouraged and motivated me to work hard for PSLE by giving me extra classes, marking practice papers and simply being there for me (just like friends). Without such dedicated teachers who are passionate in their jobs, I am sure I would not be where I am today.

Rivervale Primary School's motto - Succeed and Excel taught me to not only do well but to excel in all my academics. To do that, one must persevere and adopt a 'never give up' attitude! Hard work is also inevitable to achieve great results. It ties in very well with 'Nil Sine Labore', the motto for Victoria School, which is Latin for 'Nothing without Labour'.

As you Riverlites grow up, you will begin to see an increasing importance of loyalty, be it to your friends, family or country. Through your participation in school projects and activities, you will acquire life skills which will prove to be useful in your future career. One of these is teamwork, which is indeed vital and essential in any work environment and key to success in all that you do.

Be caring and sensitive to the people around you. Always adopt a positive attitude to influence them. I hope that you Riverlites will grow up to be mature young men and women who are the thermostat in society and not thermometer. That means that you should be the catalyst i.e. one who makes positive change in society, rather than the one being changed by society.

Appreciate the learning opportunity that you have here and strive to be the best students you can ever be. I can assure you that if you take heed of this advice, you will have no regrets later on in life. All the best in your all future endeavours!