

NCF Kids Do Mad Science on Unang Hirit

It was an enlightening field trip for five NCF kids before school even started. IC Dantes, Jed Gocatek, LJ Sarmiento, Kirsten Sunga and Shen-Shen Landingin graced the May 26 episode of Unang Hirit on GMA 7 as they featured Mad Science of the Philippines.

As the outfit's name suggests, Mad Science sparks imaginative learning, instilling even in adult audiences a "clear understanding of what science is really about and how it affects the world." This they do by "providing entertaining educational programs and educational entertainment", to use their own words.



It is interesting to note that the idea of Mad Science began with the Shlien brothers, Ariel and Ron, who as children loved to conduct science experiments for neighborhood children. At 12 years old, Ariel saved \$300 from his paper route and bought a helium neon laser to build a business-producing light show for DJs. It was in January 1986 though, after stunning an audience of a science and technology course that Ariel and Ron made the crucial discovery that kids love fun, cool science.

Indeed it was fun, cool science for all five kids as evidenced by their wide-opened eyes and hearty laughter after every experiment which they themselves tried. The mildly-blazing Swish Wish, the hair-raising Van de Graaff equipment, and Egbert the Egg who almost didn't make it inside the flask, were just three experiments that tickled their funny bone. The children had a hard time holding it at Magic Mud, when a liquid substance became rock-hard whenever it would be subjected to quick, heavy pressure.

Of course, more awesome than science is its Author. It amazes me, how could God have done this wonderful universe by just speaking?