

## Planting Seeds Early

Q: When is the best time to start planting your garden?

A: Early in the Spring.

Q: When is the best time to start planting in your child seeds for good learning habits?

A: As soon as you can!

## Preparing for Standardized Testing

The best preparation for any test is to know the content. But there are test-taking strategies that can be beneficial. Students who enter testing sessions with a positive attitude will have a much easier time taking a test than students who enter it with a negative attitude. Students who worry about everything they do not know, instead of concentrating on what they do know, will not be able to perform their best. When parents are positive and offer their children encouragement, thinking positively will come more naturally to their children.

Familiarity with the test format can relieve much stress. Students should know whether or not the test is true-false, multiple choice, matching, fill in the blank, short answer and/or essay. They should know when to guess and when to skip an item that is too difficult. Most importantly, they must understand the directions. If a child does not understand the directions, he or she must ask for clarification. Time management also is of the essence. Anxiety builds as students realize they are running out of time. Students with good time-management skills generally complete standardized tests and experience less stress than students with poor time management skills.

## How Does Kumon Help?

Long term Kumon study is great training for standardized tests. Students learn good study skills including managing their time wisely. Since it is the timing factor on standardized tests that accounts for a great deal of test anxiety, Kumon students have a great advantage. Kumon gives its students a strong foundation in basic skills and advanced Kumon students get a head start in their schoolwork. They have a greater chance of not making careless errors, a common problem on standardized tests. Also, Kumon students can progress through standardized tests in a timely fashion, since they can solve easy problems with speed and have more time to spend on difficult ones. Their ability to estimate or guess, which is often necessary on standardized tests, is enhanced by their mastery of the basics and ability to work efficiently with numbers.

### Center Information

Office Hours > 1:30 to 3:00 PM  
Class Hours > 3:00 to 6:30 PM  
Monday—Tuesday—Thursday—Friday



### SPRING BREAK

Our Spring Break will begin Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 20th. Class will resume Monday, March 23rd. Your child will be packed with homework for the duration. If you have any questions, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

### AWARDS & FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY

We will be holding our annual **Awards & Family Appreciation Day** event on Saturday, April 25th at the Islands Recreation Center (McQueen & Warner). Activities for the children, food, and lots of fun for everyone. Don't forget to collect your award(s) at the event. If you have any questions please let us know. More details in April.

### CONFERENCES

If your child has been in the program for 3 months or longer, please give us a call to schedule a conference with Mrs. Barbara

### WE ARE HONORED

Your Kumon Center of Gilbert has been honored to host a **Center Tour** for several Kumon Instructors from the Southwest on Tuesday, April 7th. We will make this event as quiet and comfortable for our students on this day. Thank you for your cooperation.