

KUMON NEWSLETTER




*Learning is like rowing upstream:
Not to advance is to drop back.
- Chinese Saying.*

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June 2007

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May 24 – School Session Ends (GPS)
(Half Day)

May 25 & 28 – Memorial Day, No Classes
(Classes Resume May 31)

May 31 – Summer Session Begins
(Scheduled Sessions)

July 16 through 20 – Summer Break
(Classes Resume July 23)

August 3 – Summer Session Ends
(Normal schedule begins 8/6)



SUMMER SCHEDULE May 31st through August 3rd

Every summer your Kumon Center offers flexible sessions to help you with your busy schedule. As always, we will offer morning and afternoon sessions so that you may fit Kumon with your summer activities.

A sign up sheet for the summer schedule is now available at the center. We urge you to come in and sign up for the days & time that works with your schedule. Session availability is on a 'first-come, first-serve' basis.

Here are your choices:

Monday / Friday–Morning Sessions (AM)

Monday / Thursday–Afternoon Sessions (PM)

Monday / Friday–Combined Sessions (Monday-PM/Friday-AM)

Monday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 10:30 11:30 12:30		9:30 10:30 11:30 12:30
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For those of you with very busy schedules, you may sign up for one-day sessions, provided your student is in good standing. Good standing in Kumon means:

1. Keeping up with assignments at home
2. Turning in all assignments timely
3. Home-grading & correcting at home
4. Timing all assignments at home
5. Completing all work during class sessions



Please consult with the Instructor to make sure this is appropriate for your child.



PARENT-INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCES

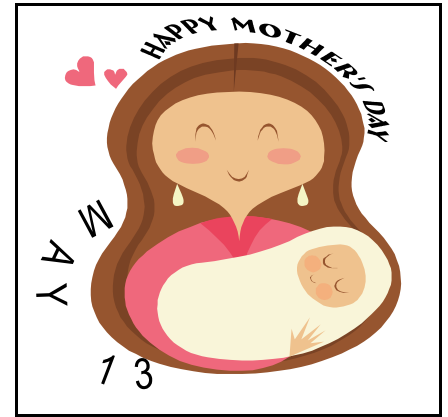
Calling all parents!! Your Instructor will be conducting Parent-Instructor conferences beginning May 14th through May 25th. This is a golden opportunity to talk about your child's progress in Kumon. A sign up sheet is available to schedule your conference. Dates and times are on a 'first-come, first-serve' basis. So, hurry as space availability is limited.

You need a conference, if:

- You never had one
- You had one more than three (3) months ago
- You are exiting the program

You do not need a conference, if:

- Your child has been enrolled in the program for less than three (3) month.
- You had a conference in the last three (3) months
- You want a copy of the progress report only



THE IMPORTANCE OF YEAR ROUND AND SUMMER STUDY

Have you ever gone on vacation for a week only to find that you had twice as much to do upon your return? Now, imagine taking 10-13 weeks off from your job. How long would it take you simply to get back up to speed? Every Year, millions of students leave school in May and return in August, often without the benefits of summer study. This results in as much as 2.6 months of lost mathematical calculation skills, according to researchers, and one to several months of reading loss! Kumon, which encourages summer study as part of its year-round program, helps students defeat summer "brain drain."



What Makes a Summer Study Program Effective? Although there are many different types of programs, effective summer study incorporates individualization and high standards. They also tend to be most effective when started in the early grades, used over multiple summers, and focus on prevention and development over remediation. Kumon, of course, offers all these elements. Your child's lesson plan is tailored by the Instructor to address his or her individual learning needs. High standards are provided through Kumon's mastery approach to learning and use of the Standard Completion Time (SCT). Although you may have initially started Kumon to address remedial issues, Kumon's primary goal is for your child to experience self-learning through advanced study, study above one's grade level.

What Can You Do to Get the Most out Kumon in the Summer? The best way to maximize the effectiveness of Kumon during the summer is to start by setting a summer study goal with your child and your Instructor. Try incorporating school goals as well. For example, if your child has a summer reading list from school, ask your Instructor about incorporating those books into a larger reading goal and using the Book Tracker as part of the plan. Next, set a consistent summer-study schedule. This goes for both your attendance at the Center as well as study time at home. Structure is the key to success! Lastly, keep things fun. Balance academic activities with plenty of family outings to provide additional enrichment. If you've got a math and science buff, try visiting the local museum of natural history. How about a trip to a state fair after a reading of *Charlotte's Web*? And when you do take your annual summer family vacation, be sure to give your Kumon Instructor plenty of advanced notice. This will allow you the opportunity to make a plan for continuing your child's studies uninterrupted or adjusting his summer study goal to ensure success.

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Upon your referral's enrollment, we will award you a gift-certificate of your choice worth \$25.

Your Name _____ Referral's Name _____