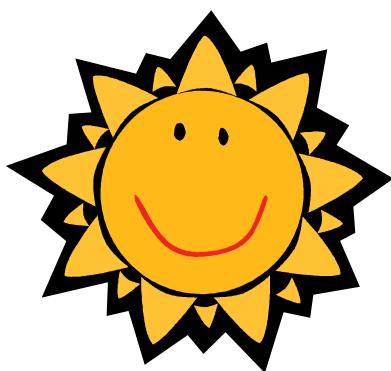


THE IMPORTANCE OF YEAR ROUND AND SUMMER STUDY

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 bout 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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