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*Parents, please let us know of any significant achievements made by your child outside of the Kumon classroom. Please communicate the info to the instructor or via email at:*

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**How Can I Ensure My Child's Academic Success In The New Year?**

The start of the new year is the perfect time for you and your child to reaffirm your commitment to academic success through Kumon. Here are a few New Year's resolutions to consider:

1. Commit to consistently attend class and complete homework daily. If you are absent pick up assignments and complete them at home so that your child stays on track.
2. Make a verbal or written commitment with your child that he or she will complete the assigned daily work, time the worksheets, and strive for 100% accuracy **with a smile**. Then be sure your child follows through, especially when it comes to accurately recording the time required to complete assignments. Accuracy and timing are critical factors in determining whether a student has mastered a particular concept and without this information, your instructor cannot properly lesson plan for your child.
3. Complete Kumon BEFORE completing school work. This warms up the brain and makes school homework easier.
4. Grade your child's works and ensure that your child corrects all errors to 100%.
5. Accept the fact that every child is going to fuss about completing his or her Kumon assignments at some point. Most children will complain at least once about anything they must do daily, whether it's tooth brushing, bathing, practicing piano or going to soccer or hockey practice. That's just part of life. You wouldn't let your child skip tooth brushing or bathing because it's important for your child's health. Kumon is just as important for your child's academic well-being.
6. Resolve to speak with your instructor as soon as any problem arises. We can normally resolve problems quickly before they escalate out of hand by simply adjusting the worksheets or by giving your child a little bit of extra help.
7. Pledge to praise your child each and every day!

**Have A Joyous New Year**



### Give a Warm Welcome to Our New Students!

- David Choo (3th grade)
- Elliot Shim (Kindergarten)
- Isabella Roby (1st grade)
- Saisreekar Gisam (2nd grade)
- Samantha Jones (7th grade)
- Sidhartha Kopalle (1st grade)
- Sri Harisha Giri Nakka (Pre-K)



### Achievements

**Congratulations to the following students for a job well done:**

#### Reading Program Advanced Student Honor Roll (ASHR)

Kristina Nguyen (3rd Grade) Level CII

#### Math Program Advanced Student Honor Roll (ASHR)

- Amita Pacchu (Kindergarten) Level 2A
- Andrew Nguyen (1st Grade) Level A
- Kristina Nguyen (3rd Grade) Level D
- Mimi Than (9th Grade) Level J

#### Reading Program 2 Years Advanced Level

Susie Than (7th Grade) Level I

#### Math Program 2 Years Advanced Level

Saidivya Mula (Pre-K) Level 3A



### January

### Birthdays

- Anirved Pogula (Jan 17th)
- Minh Nguyen (Jan 11th)
- Samantha Jones (Jan 31st)
- Sruti Jonnalagada (Jan 3rd)

*Happy Birthday!*

### Children in the 21st Century



"Dear Andy: How have you been? Your mother and I are fine. We miss you. Please sign off your computer and come downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad."



"My name was David, but that sounded old fashioned. So I shortened it to DVD!"



## Recapture Your Child's Joy For Learning

Humans have an innate desire to learn. Young children exhibit a natural curiosity and love for learning. Unfortunately, by the time many children are teenagers this love for learning has been lost. It may be due to negativity from parents, pressure from teachers or teasing from other kids. But this love can be recaptured.

For older kids, the first step is to regain self-confidence and self-esteem. In KUMON, this is accomplished by starting at the comfortable starting point, where they can experience immediate success. As the parent it is crucial that you NEVER say things like, "This work is too easy", or "You should know this. You learned this years ago." This is a sure way to undermine your child's self-confidence.

As your child begins to advance in KUMON, please never comment about the number of mistakes being made. Instead, encourage your child's learning by recognizing and acknowledging their improvements, no matter how small. Mistakes are a natural part of learning, and are valuable tools in determining where to focus study.

We sometimes hear parents say things such as, "He's in 5th grade. He *needs* to be in multiplication ( or fractions, or algebra .....)" when the student is still working their way through the critical addition and subtraction levels 3A, 2A & A in math. Please remember that our goal here at KUMON is the same as yours-to help your child move ahead as quickly as possible, so that they are working on concepts in KUMON before they see them in school. In KUMON, your child is always moving ahead from a point of strength and mastery. They are never at a deficit. KUMON students *earn* their way to the higher, advanced levels. They earn this advanced status through commitment to daily study, mastery of the basics and development of self-learning skills. Once a student has invested the time and effort to establish the firm foundation that the beginning levels of KUMON provide, they will have the "power tools" needed to handle the more rigorous and challenging work that they will encounter in high school and in college.

A parent recently questioned why his child had to repeat certain sections in a level. Although his child could answer the problems correctly and quickly, she was using her fingers to count. She still did not have the mental calculation skills that KUMON study helps every student develop.

Another parent was concerned that his daughter was in 4th grade, had Level B, finishing the borrowing section of subtraction. I sat down with this dad, and yes, his daughter was not yet at multiplication. But when we looked at the worksheets, we saw that his daughter was able to do triple-digit subtraction mentally and quickly, without having to do all of the crossing out that students without strong mental calculation abilities need to do. Needless to say, he was impressed.

*Please do not underestimate the power of building a strong foundation in math and reading.* Please allow your child the gift of the time that they need to truly master the work at hand. **The gift of mastery** is a gift that will last their entire lives. As the mother of two college students, I can guarantee you that this gift will pay for itself exponentially in the future!

And please remember-my staff and I have the same goals that you have for your child-to help them make fast and smooth progress in their KUMON, so that sooner rather than later it is transferring over into improved self-confidence, high achievement in school, development of self-learning skills and a bright future filled with possibility.



### Why is home grading necessary?

While even ten minutes can be difficult for a busy parent to spare, it can make an enormous difference. Kumon students whose work is home graded advance to new material sooner with fewer errors and less repetition. In fact Kumon Instructor records have shown time and again that home graded students progress 30% to 100% better than those who aren't. That means they become better learners. Isn't that worth ten minutes a day?

*We do provide Answer Books and a handy Parents Guide to Home Grading to help you get started.*

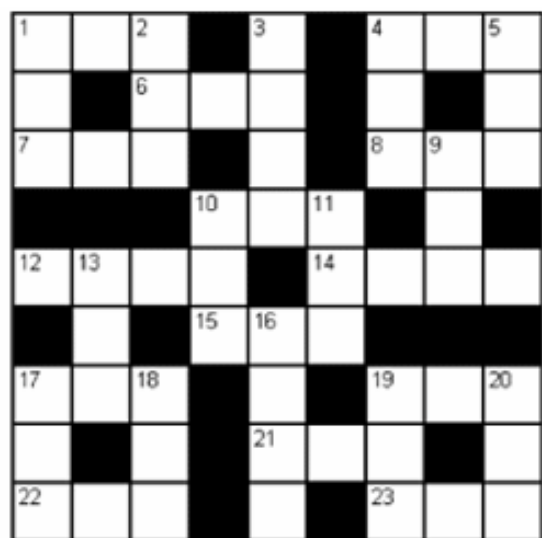
## LONG-TERM KUMON STUDY

Kumon offers students various ends towards which they should work but none more crucial than **working ahead of school grade level**. We recommend this because it brings with it countless long-term benefits.

If students decide to quit after only three to six months, they leave having gained very little. They are just beginning to forge a path towards an end and will be regularly reminded that they:

could not finish  
can give up just as easily with everything else.

Like all things that begin, Kumon too has an end. In deciding where that is for your child, you should consider the above advice and encourage your child to try to continue until surpassing grade level by two or three years. The abilities acquired through this (**good math skills and staying with something until the end**) will surely reward him/her with a favorable future.



### Math Cross Puzzle #1

#### Across

1.  $353 - 126 =$
4.  $45 \times 6 =$
6.  $26 + 330 + 12 =$
7.  $724 - 322 =$
8.  $1265 - 404 =$
10.  $400 + 467 =$
12. 3 Down - 16 Down =
14.  $2004 - 876 =$
15.  $133 + 208 + 428 =$
17.  $1652 - 809 =$
19.  $26 \times 9 =$
21.  $646 - 215 =$
22.  $1762 - 1430 =$
23. 19 Across + 22 Across =

#### Down

1.  $526 - 322 =$
2.  $519 + 213 =$
3.  $5673 + 2163 =$
4.  $597 - 349 =$
5. 12 Across - 15 Across =
9.  $946 - 324 =$
10.  $1200 - 393 =$
11.  $436 + 283 =$
13.  $172 \times 2 =$
16.  $2386 + 1420 + 2640 =$
17.  $1257 - 444 =$
18.  $161 \times 2 =$
19.  $430 - 215 =$
20.  $162 + 162 + 162 =$



### FREE Wireless Access at KUMON!

Our Kumon parents can now access the internet while waiting for their children. Access information is posted on our bulletin board in the waiting area... Enjoy!