

KUMON CONNECTIONS

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Happy Birthday to You!!

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Congratulations

On your Advancement to Next Level !!!
(1/21/08—2/29/08)

Clifford Avery
Preethika Chennupati
Taylor Clark
Andrew Eldeiry
Sandra Eldeiry
Nag Gandham
Jane Hu
Zev Jagalur
Amulya Jakkani
Sreekar Jammula
Shrivarsha Jayaprakash
Anishka Kanihal
Taylor Keith
Skylar Lai
Anvesh Mateti
Aneesh Muppidi
Sankar Muthu Kumar
Anavi Parikh
Lakshmi Ramasamy
Maya Ravi
Samantha Silverman
Darrius Silverman
Rujula Upasani
Chand Vadalía
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BENCHMARKS FOR SUCCESS C BY 3; E BY 4 & G BY 5

Every parent wants the best for their student and one thing that always ranks high on a parent's list is academic success. If you want your student to reach his or her full potential and excel academically, you may be wondering how you can measure your student's success and what goals you and your student might want to set in order to achieve long term success in math and reading.

The goal for Kumon instructors is to see their elementary students studying two years above grade level in both math and reading by 5th grade. Why is this important? Students who are studying at this level are generally among the best students in the class, rarely have difficulty understanding new material, can complete school homework and tests independently, earn high scores, and are, in general, happy, confident students. We believe this to be a reasonable and achievable goal for most students and find that if a student is studying at this level he or she is well positioned for success in middle school.

So how do you know if your student is on track to be studying two years above grade level? Kumon has set the following goals for elementary students: Level C by grade 3 which we refer to as "C by 3", Level E by grade 4 (E by 4), and Level G by grade 5 (G by 5). Of course, whether your student reaches these goals or is on track to reach these goals will depend on several factors.

- First, is your student completing all homework assignments, doing so on a daily basis, and attending class regularly?
- Second, how long has your student been enrolled in Kumon? Obviously, the earlier a student starts Kumon, the easier it is to become an advanced student. We find most Kumon students begin to study material above their grade level by their second year of Kumon study.

JUNIOR KUMON QUESTION OF THE MONTH: I SAY, WE SAY, YOU SAY—HOW DOES IT WORK?

If your student is a pre-reader or beginning reader studying Kumon levels 7A-3A, you have probably been instructed to use the "I say, we say, you say" phonics method. This simple method of repeating words and sounds is extremely effective in developing phonemic awareness, building a large sight-word vocabulary and teaching phonics. Please do not cover up the pictures clues, ask your student to sound out the words in the lessons, or allow your student to complete these exercises alone. The fastest way for your student to become a fluent reader is to model his or her reading after your example. Even if it appears that your student can easily read the words or sentences, it is essential that the student repeat each sound part, each word and each sentence three times WITH YOU!

"There is no elevator to the top of the mountain of knowledge." —Toru Kumon

THE INVOLVED KUMON PARENT

An involved KUMON parent is one of the most crucial factors in a child's success in our program. An involved KUMON parent:

- Sets a regular time for completion of daily work
- Makes sure assignments are timed and completed daily
- Corrects the daily assignment, giving your child the opportunity to correct any mistakes and move forward with confidence
- Knows what his or her child is studying and why
- Makes sure your child attends class regularly

Please feel free to ask for an Answer Book to help you homegrade your child's KUMON at home. At Kumon, our goal is to help all of our students reach their full potential. We are honored to provide the KUMON program to you and many other families in our community. We are grateful to you for your commitment to your child's academic success as well as to their success in the KUMON program. We are excited to work together as a team to help your child have great success!



UH OH! HERE IS COLD/FLU SEASON

As we go through the cold/flu season, please keep in mind that if your child has a fever, sore throat, cold or cough, or is too sick to go to school, your child is too sick to attend Kumon. If you are unsure as to whether your child is well enough to come to Kumon, err on the side of caution and keep your child home. Flu spreads easily among children so please do your part to help us keep all of our students and staff healthy. Thank you!

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Tuition for March is due on March 1, 2008

ADVANCED STUDENT HONOR ROLL—CONGRATULATIONS !

Congratulations to the following kids who have achieved the Advanced Students Honor Roll in December 2007. We are very proud of you! Please see the instructor to receive your special certificate from Kumon North America!

Math

Ashar Zaid
Chand Vадalia
Dildeep Saran
Sathvika Jothivenkatesan
Shreya Goel
Sidharth Shamshabad

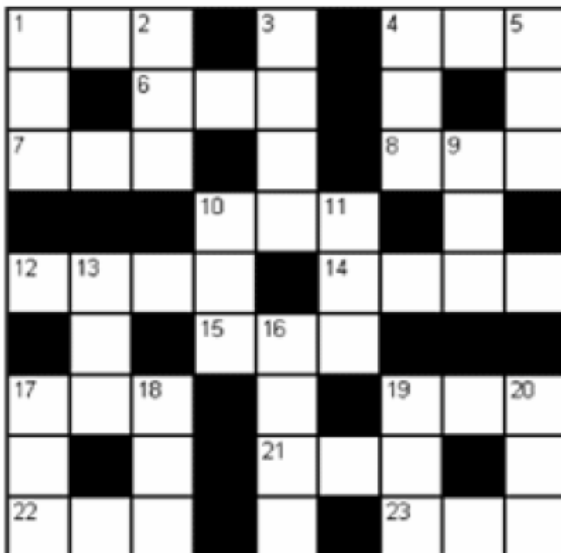
Shrivarsha Jayaprakash
George Stain
Youngho Kim
Andrew Eldeiry
Yash Saxena

Sabine Stain
Sankar Muthukumar
Julia Chong
Angela Yang
Pascale Stain

Reading

Sathvika Jothivenkatesan
Shreya Goel
Vedika Bhardwaj
Youngho Kim
Jane Hu
Julia Chong
Vineet Velagandula

KIDS CORNER



Math Cross Puzzle #1

Across

- 353 - 126 =
- 45 x 6 =
- 26 + 330 + 12 =
- 724 - 322 =
- 1265 - 404 =
- 400 + 467 =
- 3 Down - 16 Down =
- 2004 - 876 =
- 133 + 208 + 428 =
- 1652 - 809 =
- 26 x 9 =
- 646 - 215 =
- 1762 - 1430 =
- 19 Across + 22 Across =

Down

- 526 - 322 =
- 519 + 213 =
- 5673 + 2163 =
- 597 - 349 =
- 12 Across - 15 Across =
- 946 - 324 =
- 1200 - 393 =
- 436 + 283 =
- 172 x 2 =
- 2386 + 1420 + 2640 =
- 1257 - 444 =
- 161 x 2 =
- 430 - 215 =
- 162 + 162 + 162 =

This is why we proceed one step (one level) at a time.