

Let Your Child Amaze You.

KUMON CONNECTIONS

May, 2008

Kumon of Guilderland
2080 Western Avenue, Suite 104
Guilderland, NY 12084
(518)596-0150

Email: ov@kumonofguilderland.com
Website: www.kumonofguilderland.com

Parent Conferences – May 2008

Dear Kumon Parent,

As announced in the last newsletter, we will hold individual parent conferences during the next two week-end days (May 10,11,17,18) of May 2008 with all parents to discuss students' progress in Kumon. If you have not signed up already, please do so immediately in the sign-up sheets at the check-in table. Make a note of your scheduled date and time and be at the center at least 5 minutes early. Please note that this conference is only with the parents and do not bring your children at this time.

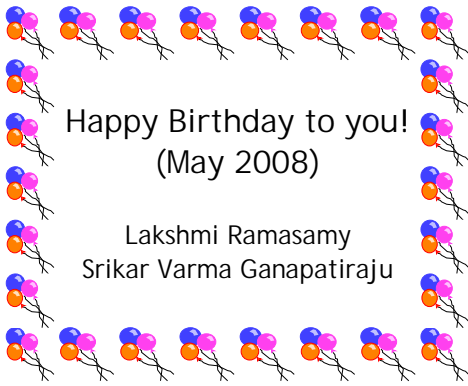
This is a good time to and opportunity to discuss your child's individual academic goals vs. accomplishments and performance assessment, plans for coming months, work study habits and best practices. Please bring with you any summer vacation/activity plan dates of your child that you already have to the conference, so that we can discuss and make appropriate plans.

Question of the Month:

Can I Help My Child With the Worksheets If She/He Is Confused?

The ultimate objective of education is self-learning. Self-learners have strong basic skills, are self-confident, know how to read directions and follow examples, and can attempt and master new material without assistance. Self-learners are the students who excel in high school and in college. Self-learning has long been a basic principle of the Kumon program. In fact, it is the final and most important goal for all Kumon students. This is why it is important for parents and students to understand why Kumon students are expected to work independently at home and at the center. During class, students receive as much "one-on-one" assistance as they need, but not more! We do not want our students to become dependent on us. We want them to become self-learners. Please keep this in mind when your child is completing the daily work at home. Answering an occasional question is fine, but assisting your child regularly is detrimental to your child's progress and sense of self-confidence. If your child accurately records completion times and home grading is accurately recorded, your child's instructor can be sure the work is always at that "just right level." This means your child should rarely need your help as he or she is on the road to becoming a self-learner. However, if your child asks for help frequently or becomes frustrated easily, this could be a sign that the work has become too difficult for your child. If you suspect the work is becoming too difficult, speak with your instructor as soon as possible. It's important to adjust work quickly before your child becomes frustrated or loses confidence.

"There are few successful adults who were not first successful children."



Happy Birthday to you!
(May 2008)

Lakshmi Ramasamy
Srikar Varma Ganapatiraju



Congratulations On Your
Advancement to Next
Level!!!
(April 2008)

Salil Chaudhry
Julia Chong
Sreekar Jammula
Pranav Kalapala
Sruti Kamarajugadda
Anushka Kanihal
Christy Koban
Jeffrey Li
Rohini Mitra
Shreyas Nampoothiri
Nihaal Pabba
Anavi Parikh
Lakshmi Ramasamy
Varun Rapaka
Suhetu Ring
Alexandra Robeson
Daniel Robeson
George Stain
Suhan Suresh
Aasiyah Virjee



How You Can Help Your Child Make Fast, Smooth Progress at Kumon

There are a few simple things that parents can do to help their child make fast, smooth progress through the KUMON curriculum:

Correct your child's KUMON every day. Answer books are available. This alone will help your child move more quickly through the program. It also helps you to know that your child actually did their KUMON that day. It provides you with an understanding of the skills they are building as well as awareness of how they are doing.

Make sure your child writes their beginning and ending times each day. Before your child begins their KUMON, have them look at a clock and write down the current time at the top, left-hand side of the page. As soon as they are done, have them look at the clock again and write down that time in the same area.

Come to class regularly. Come to class more often if your child is struggling with getting their work done each day or if daily KUMON is a daily battle. My staff and I are here for you. Coming in more often takes the load off of the parent, and is an effective way to help students stay on track and stay motivated.

My staff and I love our KUMON students and families! Thank you for the opportunity to work with your amazing children!

Kids Corner

Competing Appetites

Two great white sharks were boasting about how much they ate. Jaws said to Teet: "I ate 98 pounds of codfish and half as much shrimp. Then I ate 44 blue-fish that weighed 3 pounds each, and for dessert I had a 100-pound boat anchor."

"That's nothing," said Teeth. "I gulped down an entire tuna that weighed 52 kilograms. Then I ate three tentacles from a giant octopus. They weighed 28 kilograms each. And for dessert I had a floating life preserver, about 4.5 kilograms I would say."

Which shark ate the most and won the argument?

Frog Jump

A frog falls into a well that is 18ft. Deep. Every day the frog jumps up a total distance of 6 ft. At night, as the frog grips the slimy well walls, it slips back down by 2 ft. At this rate, how many days will it take the frog to jump to the rim of the well?

For answers, check our next month newsletter.

Parents Please Note:
Tuition for May is due on
May 1, 2008