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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY, KUMON DADS!

In Kumon, we often emphasize the important role parents play in their child’s success in the program. When we say “parents,” we never just mean mothers; we mean fathers too! Father’s Day is an excellent time to recognize and appreciate the contribution that so many Dads make to their children’s development in the method.

Both parents actively participating in their children’s study provide a “united front” at home. This front is absolutely crucial for the method to work effectively. If the child senses that the parents do not agree on the importance of Kumon study, the child’s motivation will languish. On the other hand, if both Mom and Dad are enthusiastic supporters of Kumon, the child’s success in the program will be safeguarded. Fathers are indispensable when helping the student develop good daily study habits. They set a good example, act as a role model and provide positive reinforcement to their children every day. Another way in which fathers become involved in their children’s lives is by familiarizing themselves with the method: the content of the curriculum, the child’s progress to date, and other important aspects of Kumon. The more a father knows about Kumon, the more effective he is in motivating his child. The support and encouragement fathers provide to their sons and daughters, is many times the extra boost needed to launch the child on the road to confidence and proficiency.

Just as Toru Kumon devised his method as a father acting out of love for his children’s education, Kumon fathers of today play an active role in their children’s training. Fathers can take the lead in providing a positive, nurturing home environment in which the maximum benefits of Kumon can be realized. Thanks, fathers, for your strong support.

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PREVENTING SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

Summer vacation is fast approaching, and the preparation for it has already begun. Many of us are enrolling our children in sleep-away camps, booking tickets for the Caribbean, buying hiking gear for the family camping trip, etc.-the list is endless. However, amidst the excitement and hustle of vacation planning, Remember that summer vacation does not mean taking a vacation from learning.

It is important to note that when there is no academic intervention during the summer months, students lose previously learned reading and math skills. This means that in the fall, teachers spend much of their time reviewing material that children formerly learned, but "forgot" over the summer, old material and playing "catch up".

The good news, however, is that this summer learning loss does not have to happen to children. Children learn best when instruction is continuous. Therefore, take the time out to plan for learning activities even while you are away over the summer months.

Make summer learning fun by following some of these recommendations.

- **Bring your Kumon with you.**
Encouraging your children to continue their Kumon Studies by bringing their Kumon worksheets on vacation. All they need is a pencil and watch on. Prevent your children from becoming a statistic of summer learning loss.

- **Take a trip to the local library and read about the places you are visiting.**

Can't go to Europe or Asia as planned? Go on an adventure by reading about it. If you already have trips planned, whether it is Brazil, science museums, the zoo or the aquarium, have your children read about the places they will visit and the things they will see. Reading and using their different senses during their trips enhance children's learning experiences.

- **Keep a reading journal**

Writing after reading books helps children remember and later recall the story. Don't let the memory of a good book fade-have them write about it!

- **Start a book club**

Reading doesn't have to be an individual activity. Invite your children's friends to join in on the fun.

- **Read books of the movies you will see**

Many recent films are based on books. Before your next movie outing, have the children read the book. Not only will reading the book and seeing the story come alive through the movie stretch their imagination, but you also may be cultivating sharp critics!



Summer is a time for children to have fun and learn too. Keep your children's reading and math skills sharpened throughout the summer months-and remember, don't take a vacation from learning!

PROUD TO READ **ALOUD!**

(Practical Advice on Oral Reading)

Have you ever wondered why children need to read aloud to you?

Have you ever questioned if and when they need to stop reading aloud?



Reading aloud trains the brain in reading fluency and all readers can benefit from it. When practicing fluency, students should read from books which are easy for them, ones where they can decode the words with 95% accuracy. Silent reading does not allow students to develop fluency, nor does reading books that may require emphasis on decoding. If students stumble over words, this interferes with fluency training. It is important to encourage children to select easy books to read when they read aloud and not to say, "That book is too easy for you!" Good readers should still read aloud throughout elementary school and weaker readers should continue the practice through middle and high school! Building fluency is a long-term endeavor. We must not take for granted that it will come automatically.