

KUMON of Seattle University Village

Monday & Thursday
2:30-7:00 p.m.

Queen Anne at Interbay

Tuesday & Friday
3:00-6:00 p.m.

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2 Important Things You Can Do at Home to Help Your Child Make Fast Progress in KUMON

There are two simple things parents can do to help your child make fast, strong and smooth progress through the KUMON program. These are to make sure your child writes the starting and ending times on each packet, and to correct your child's work each day.

Timing

Parents will sometimes tell us that their child understands the work they are doing in the program but are just making "careless mistakes." Experience has shown, however, that given more time, that student would probably have made the same error again. What they really need is not more time but the chance to repeat. Making careless errors is a sign that they have not yet mastered their work and should repeat.

The SCT (Standard Completion Time) is a very crucial yet often misunderstood feature of KUMON. In KUMON, time is very important because it determines whether or not students have **mastered** their work. When students are able to meet the SCT comfortably and with good accuracy, we know that they have achieved mastery of the current set and now have the skills they need to move on to more advanced work.

When planning for your child, we review all of their previous work to determine whether they are ready to move ahead or not. Without the SCT information from their work at home, we must move them more cautiously and slowly.

Please remind your child before they begin to do their daily work to write down their starting and ending times on the top left-hand side of each packet.

Daily home-grading=faster progress

Homegrading accelerates your child's progress because:

- Your child corrects errors nightly and learns from those mistakes
- Your child makes fewer errors
- Your child repeats less
- Your child moves ahead faster
- Your child is more motivated because you are more involved
- You are more motivated because you know exactly what your child is learning and when they are struggling or advancing

Parents who correct the work days later (i.e., on the way to the Center), or not at all, slow their child's progress. Without daily feedback, your child continues to make the same mistakes and may even reinforce those errors. Grading your child's work is the surest way to help your child advance smoothly and quickly.

It's also important to remind your child that making mistakes is a normal part of the learning process. If we never made mistakes, we would never learn anything new!

Answer books for all levels of the math and reading curriculum are available for you to take home. Robyn will be happy to answer any questions you may have about homegrading and timing at home.

We encourage you to try doing both of these things for one week. Once they become part of the daily KUMON routine, you'll see that they really do influence your child's progress through the KUMON program in a good way!

Prize Box Recycling Program

We would like to encourage parents to "re-use and recycle" the prizes that our students earn from our prize box. We know that many of you are up to your ears in duckies, bouncy balls and other plastic prizes. We are trying to do what we can on our end to balance students earning a tangible reward for their effort (getting their KUMON worksheets done at home) vs. putting too much plastic into the environment and your living rooms.

So, for every 10 prizes* that you turn back in, we will give your child one of our gift cards. We don't always have all of them to choose from all of the time, but we usually have cards for Jamba Juice, Menchie's, Trophy Cupcake, Barnes & Noble and the fabulous bakery on Queen Anne, Le Reve.

*We only accept prizes from our prize box that are in good condition to exchange

KUMON of Seattle Supports Our Schools!

We are proud to sponsor the many public and private schools that our KUMON students attend.

If your school is looking for sponsorships or donations for things such as auctions, plays, music and/or sports programs, and the chess club, please come see us!

We also love to support organizations such as Broadway Bound, Little Leagues and other groups that our students participate in.

Please do not hesitate to ask for a donation! Requests from parents are always welcome.

And, of course, we love to buy Girl Scout Cookies and Campfire Candy!

Parent Communication

It is very important to us that our parents are able to have their questions answered and any concerns addressed as quickly as possible.

Robyn has been our Office Manager for 12 years now. She is dedicated to parents during Center hours. She can answer any questions you may have about almost anything, including our Center operations, your account and/or your child's progress in the program.

It's easy to arrange a time to meet with Jeannie outside of Center hours. Robyn can arrange a time when you come to the center. Or just shoot us an e-mail at Jeannie@kumonofseattle.com and we'll find a time to get together to review your child's record book, discuss their progress in the program and answer any questions you may have.

The new school year is off to a strong start! My staff and I are committed to helping your child make fast, strong progress in the KUMON program. We are thrilled to work with your children, and grateful to you for the strong support they get at home.