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# Children will begin to understand the importance of practice.

We've all heard the expression, "Practice makes perfect." But at Kumon Learning Centers, we believe, "Practice makes possibilities." Top athletes, musicians, scientists, artists and scholars – none achieves greatness by accident. They practice. Imagine what your child can achieve with mastery in math and reading at an early age.

The Kumon Method began with a parent's love. Determined to help his 8-year-old son, a math teacher named Toru Kumon developed the materials and guiding principles that grew into the largest after-school math and reading program in the world. Today, in more than 55 countries and regions around the world, the Kumon Method is helping millions of children succeed in the classroom and in life, and it can advance your child's learning, too.

And it's all based on practice.

# practice makes confidence

## All parents want their children to be confident.

The Kumon Method empowers children to become self-learners. Each time our students tackle and overcome a new challenge, their confidence grows, and they realize they are achieving more than they thought they could. Kumon puts them on the path to becoming the confident, independent, self-reliant people all parents want their children to be.

### **Kumon encourages** independent learning.

At a Kumon Center, you'll find no blackboards or lectures. Instead of passively receiving instruction from teachers or tutors, Kumon Students actively develop self-learning skills. Here's how:

- → Each student progresses at their own pace through an individualized lesson plan established by their Instructor.
- → Students do daily assignments that take about 30 minutes per subject, on paper worksheets or on a tablet via Kumon Connect.
- → Students work under the supervision of Kumon Center staff twice per week - in person or virtually - and independently the other days.
- $\rightarrow$ Each worksheet teaches a lesson that's one small step more advanced than the lesson before, so students progress smoothly and gain confidence with each new success.



# practice makes success

# The Kumon Placement Test assesses your child's strengths and needs.

Everyone needs a starting point. The first step in your child's journey is one of the most important steps of all.

- With the Kumon Instructor observing, your child takes a placement test to gauge their abilities in math and reading.
- Along with your child's test score, the Kumon Instructor takes note of your child's concentration level, speed, handwriting and more.
- The Instructor assesses the information to determine the best starting point for your child, and then designs an individual program around your child's abilities, needs and goals.

## Kumon helps children create strong study habits.

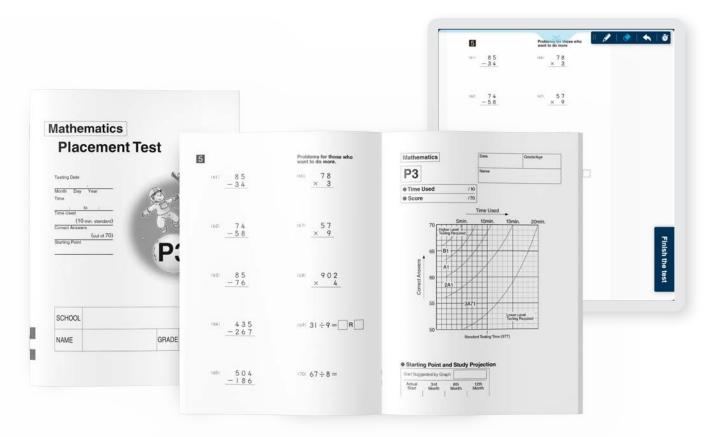
- Starting your child at the level that best suits their abilities ensures an understanding of the basic concepts before moving on to more advanced ones.
- If your child can breeze through the early worksheets, that's very good news. It indicates your child is starting at a level where there are no gaps in their knowledge. It also allows your child to build strong study habits.

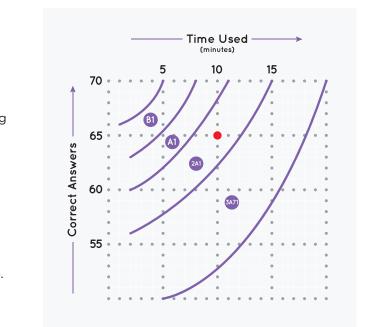
# Kids are set up for success from the start.

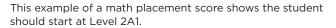
- It's essential to your child's longterm success in Kumon that they succeed from the start and progress through the very first level with confidence.
- Soon, usually within the first few weeks, you'll see your child develop better study habits, improved concentration and a more positive attitude toward learning.

## Did you know?

Many Kumon Students in North America are studying material above their grade level, even two to three grade levels above, in math and reading.







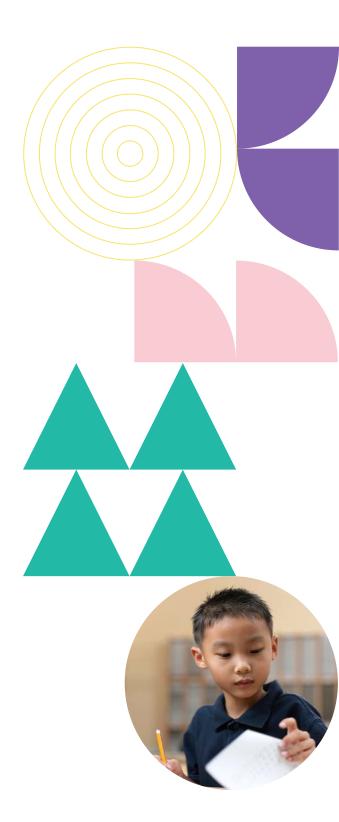
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# practice makes mastery

## **The Kumon worksheets** are the key to the **Kumon Method and to** your child's success.

The Kumon worksheets have been effective for millions of children around the world. And the reason is simple: They've been carefully designed and relentlessly fine-tuned. They help make Kumon a learning program like no other.

- Worksheets are designed so students can solve the problems on their own. Many worksheets also include examples to follow.
- Each worksheet also comes with a recommended completion time. We don't ever rush students; they develop a knack for working faster.
- An assignment is complete when a student has done every problem correctly.
- When that happens, the student has mastered that skill and is ready to move on to the next assignment.



# Kumon Connect Makes Learning Convenient

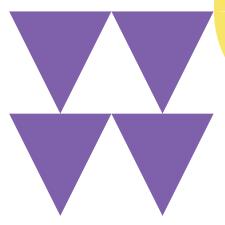
**Kumon Connect lets** students complete worksheets on their tablet - it's convenient and can even accelerate learning.

#### How does Kumon Connect work?

- Just like the traditional method of Kumon, students attend class twice a week and receive homework the other five days.
- Students complete all assignments on their tablet with a stylus.
- Each daily assignment will be ready when the student signs in.
- Once assignments are complete, they are submitted for daily grading six days per week, and students will be notified when corrections are necessary.
- Instructors can replay the work of completed assignments to see skill development and provide feedback even when the student has completed their work at home.

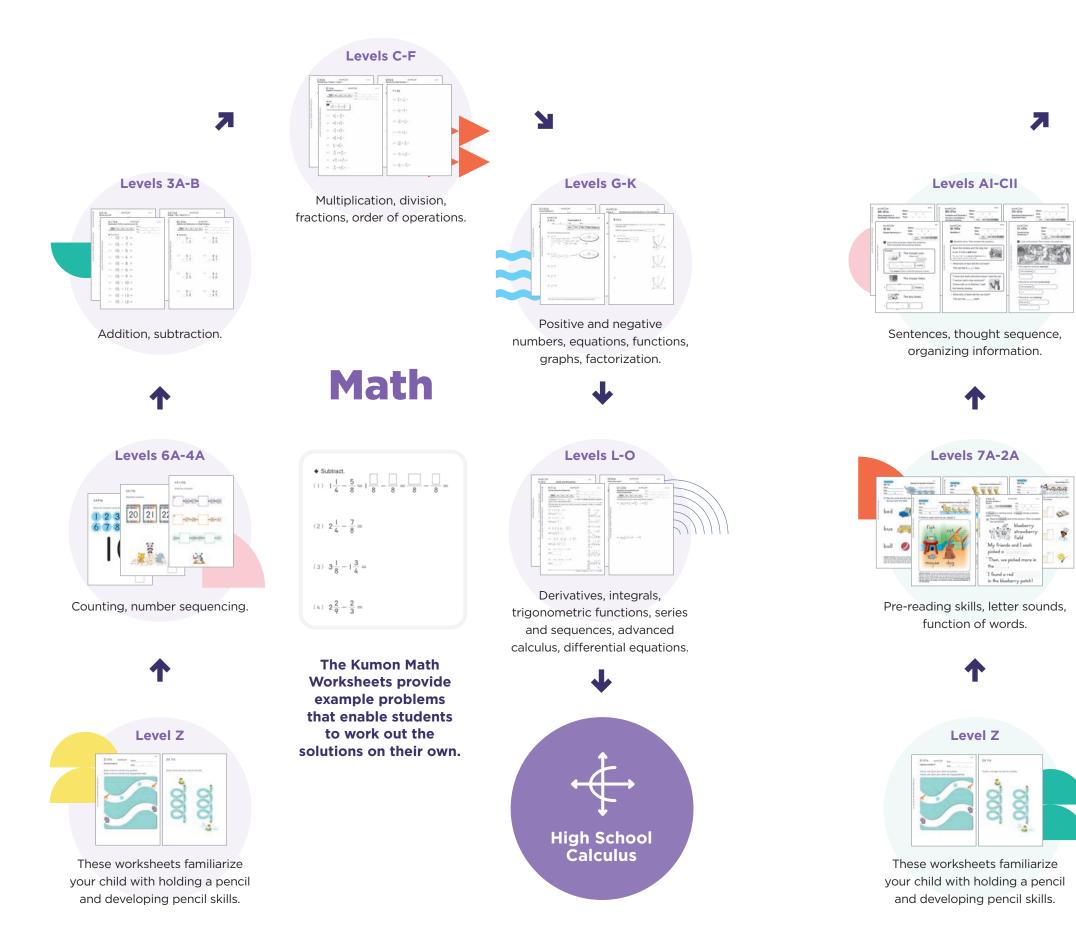
As a parent, you'll be able to see your child's progress in real time through Kumon Connect. Your Kumon Instructor can also send supportive comments, provide helpful study hints and adjust your child's ongoing study plan as needed.



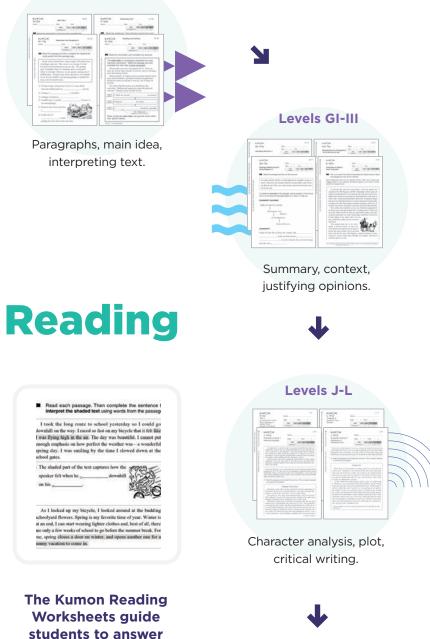


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**High School** Literature

# A typical day at a Kumon Center revolves around practice.

## **Traditional Paper** Worksheets

Students take their assignment folders when they visit a Kumon Center.

 Students drop off completed homework for grading and pick up new assignments.

Students complete a new assignment and record their start and finish times.

 Students hand in completed assignments for grading.

Graded assignments are returned to students, who work until they achieve 100% accuracy.

**6** Students leave the center with new homework assignments.

## Kumon Connect

Unlocking academic achievement has never been easier than with Kumon Connect - the digital evolution of the proven Kumon Method. Access your Kumon worksheets anytime, anywhere, with the convenience of a tablet and stylus.



## Kumon Connect Digital Worksheets

Students bring their charged tablet and stylus when they visit a Kumon Center.

Since their digital worksheets have been uploaded, Kumon Connect students can immediately start practicing.

Students complete their new assignment and the digital worksheets automatically track the start and finish times.

Students submit the assignments completed at the center for grading.

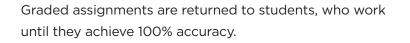
Graded assignments are returned to students, who work until they achieve 100% accuracy.

New homework assignments will be on their tablet the next time they login.

## The Kumon Instructor is a qualified, dedicated partner for you and your child.

Completely dedicated to helping children succeed, your child's Kumon Instructor is there to guide, assess and encourage your child. The Instructor will also communicate with you about everything from the lesson plans to progress reports, small breakthroughs and big successes.





Your child's Instructor designs a lesson plan with assigned worksheets that progress at a pace that works best for your child.



As your child works through the worksheets, the Instructor offers guidance as needed.



Your Instructor reviews your child's progress and fine-tunes the lesson plan according to your child's needs.



Regular parent-child-Instructor conferences provide the opportunity to share information regarding a child's progress and goals. With Kumon Connect, Instructors can send messages directly to students and parents can track progress through the study records tab.







review progress and motivate your child to keep moving forward.

### At Kumon, we're always here for you.

Don't hesitate to contact your child's Instructor with any Kumon-related questions

- or anything else.
- Please share anything you learn from observing your child's progress at home.







Encourage your child to complete daily assignments just as they would practice a sport or musical instrument.



Celebrate small and large wins and look for opportunities to praise your child.

• If your child is in the earliest Kumon Levels, from 6A to 5A in Math or 7A to 3A in Reading, you will need to provide extra guidance at home, and your instructor can tell you exactly what to do.

• Whatever level your child is in, call with any questions about homework, motivation, curriculum

# **myKUMON** portal

Our personalized dashboard makes it easy for both parents and students to track progress through the Kumon Math and Reading Program. It also provides quick access to other tools and features.

- Track advancement through the program and see descriptions of current and upcoming levels in the Progress section.
- View levels completed, milestones reached and awards earned in the Achievements section.
- Learn how to earn Amazon gift cards through our Referral Program.
- Access helpful materials on a wide range of topics through the Resources page.

We encourage students to log in and track their own progress throughout their Kumon journey.

About a month after enrolling in Kumon, you will receive an email with details regarding how to log in.



# frequently asked questions

#### My child is already a good student. Why should I enroll him or her in Kumon?

Advanced students are introduced to new concepts earlier than at school, giving them the advantage of learning new material ahead of their peers. In fact, many Kumon Students study above grade level, and this opens new educational opportunities throughout their school years and into higher education.

#### My child is a bit behind. How long will it take to catch up?

Kumon's individualized instruction differs from one-on-one tutoring services that provide "quick fix" short-term boosts in performance. If your child is a bit behind fellow classmates, our shortterm goal is to reach grade-level competency within 12 months. Some students take a little longer, but many accomplish it sooner.

### Why keep my child in Kumon year after year?

What sets Kumon apart from other learning programs and tutors is our goal to help children study beyond school grade level. With advanced study, Kumon Students develop confidence and independence - key traits for success at any age.

#### How will the Instructor know what material is right for my child?

The Instructor takes many factors into account when creating your child's lesson plan. The first step is establishing the starting point based on your child's placement test results and study behavior. From there, the Instructor designs a lesson plan with assigned worksheets that advance at a pace that works best for your child. The Instructor reviews each class and homework assignment, looks at the time and score, and observes how the problems were solved to improve and fine-tune the lesson plan.

#### Will my child's assignments cover the same material school does?

The Kumon Program covers many of the concepts taught in school but is meant to supplement the school curriculum - not replace it. Our program is designed from the top down and progresses in small steps to build all of the critical skills needed to study high school-level calculus and high school-level literary texts.

#### Will someone sit with my child at the center?

The Kumon worksheets are designed to guide students to figure out new concepts on their own by following examples and developing their selflearning ability from the start. The Instructor is there to instruct and support your child, but the aim is for your child to be able to solve problems with confidence. If your child is in the earliest Kumon Levels, from 6A to 5A in Math, or 7A to 3A in Reading, the Instructor and assistants will provide necessary guidance in the center.

#### What if my child is stuck on a problem at home? Should I help?

If your child is stuck on a concept, let your Instructor know. The Instructor can tell you the right way to guide your child and adjust your child's lesson plan if needed. The best support you can give is to encourage your child to complete the daily assessments and praise them for doing the work.



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