



The beautiful spring came; and when nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive.

Earth Day 2023 (April 22) Theme  
Invest in Our Planet  
Our planet is an amazing place,  
but it needs our help to thrive.

Kumon Student Awards  
KIS and ASHR

As a parent, you want the best for your child. You want them to be confident, independent, and motivated to succeed in and out of the classroom. We believe that with the right tools kids can achieve extraordinary things.

**Kumon International Standard (KIS)** is the global standard for a student’s grade level. Because school systems and curriculums vary so widely from state to state and country to country, KIS established a global standard to fit the Kumon curriculum.

**Advanced Student Honor Roll (ASHR)** recognizes and celebrates children studying above their school grade level. Students can receive a variety of achievements throughout their time in the program.

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Kumon and the Common Core

The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort that created a single set of educational standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English language arts and mathematics. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills students need for success in college and careers. Here are similarities between the elements of Kumon and the Common Core: Learning Goals

With over 50 years of experience, Kumon is internationally benchmarked and contains the elements essential for studying college-level calculus and advanced literary texts such as Shakespeare. The Common Core aims to be internationally benchmarked, has a broad array of learning goals and shares many core competencies such as proficiency in advanced algebra and understanding Shakespeare. **Studying material above grade-level is the essence of the Kumon Method.** We aim for each student to reach and advance beyond their grade level material to experience the full benefits of the program. Through advanced study Kumon builds the math and reading skills necessary to succeed in any program or standards-based curriculum. **Critical Thinking**—we instill in students the skills and mindset for learning materials they have not encountered yet without being taught. As students build a strong foundation by mastering math and English language arts basic skills, students also build critical thinking by analyzing example problems on the worksheets and reading difficult passages. **A fundamental goal of Kumon is to develop in students the ability to think logically and learn independently,** which is at the heart of developing critical thinking skills. As schools begin to implement the Common Core Standards, its true impact on education as a whole will not be known for several years. While school curriculum and national standards may change from time to time, **Kumon’s philosophy and academic goals remains constant.** Kumon students develop the skills and confidence to study any school curriculum and become a life-long learner.



Young Author Exemplifies How Consistency and Discipline are Key to achieving Goals

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