

# Kumon Connection

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## Note from Ms. Jeanette

As many of you already know, I embarked on this Kumon Journey in the Fall of 2018, only several months following the sudden closure of our Walnut Avenue Kumon Center. Some of our Kumon families transferred to Aptos or Los Gatos centers, but I had already driven to Los Gatos in the 1990's for my older son (now 31) to attend Kumon back before we had a local center, and I was not about to take on the commute again...nor the Aptos sojourn on weekday afternoons. Instead, I accepted the challenge to reopen our Santa Cruz Kumon Center, which following an intensive training, was accomplished in the Summer of 2019. There are many things we cannot know when we choose to begin an adventure. Some of the challenges I encountered could never have been expected, such as difficulty finding a safe, accessible classroom space, or opening our classroom at its temporary location only eight months prior to the start of the pandemic, or the Bonny Doon fires that literally brushed alongside our home accompanied by involuntarily housing displacement for nearly a month in the aftermath, or the untimely passing of my dear father.



On the other side of this seeming arduous journey has been the opportunity of a lifetime, fulfilling my dream of becoming an educator to support the academic development of some remarkable children and to become acquainted with such lovely families. The privilege of working with your children as their Kumon Instructor has truly been the highlight of my career. Your children have continuously lifted my spirits and inspired me to keep challenging and improving myself. Each one of them is a shining star with so much potential. I appreciate all of you for supporting our Kumon Center and for being part of my life. This is not goodbye, as I look forward to staying in touch in the years to come. Now, please join me in welcoming our incredible new instructor, Ms. Doris! Aloha, Ms. Jeanette

## Zoom Classroom Center News

The Zoom Classroom will no longer be available during normal class hours in July. For students who will continue to SIP in July, please reach out to us by email before June 24.

## New Payment

By 25<sup>th</sup> each month

Please include your child(ren)'s names in the payment.

Checks payable to:

**Kumon Santa Cruz**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Conference: June 25 & 29  
[Click here to sign up for your slot.](#)

No Class: June 29, 30 and July 1

Open house: August TBA

New Class schedule sign up for  
academic year 2021-2022:  
Early August TBA.



## July Classes

Families have two options:  
Attend classes as usual or  
enroll in Kumon to Go. Students  
enrolled in Kumon to Go will be  
provided with weekly assignment  
exchanges unless other  
arrangements are made. Kindly  
communicate your decision  
about July arrangements, to  
either participate in Kumon to Go  
or to return to class by June 20.



## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

My name is Doris, and it is my privilege to be a new member of Kumon Santa Cruz. I am excited to meet you this summer; while there will much learn for your children, I am sure there will be many new things that I can learn from them too.

I am originally from Hong Kong and was educated under British Colonial education. My first undergraduate degree was Environmental Studies. After working for Sony as a marketing executive, I spent most of my time taking care of my three children. One day I met a German scholar who was fluent in Chinese and was deeply knowledgeable about Chinese literature; this inspired me to learn more about my heritage.

I returned to school to complete my postgraduate diploma in Education, primarily teaching Chinese literature. I started my International Baccalaureate (IB) teaching in 2010. In 2016, I migrated to California and became a translator and interpreter.

I decided to join Kumon Santa Cruz as my passion for teaching urged me to work with parents who wanted to raise their children to eventually become society-contributing individuals. I believe in unlimited potential in children. If we guide them the right path, the children will have a huge effect on their accomplishments. Let us work together to help our children to aim high and to live fruitful lives.



### Reading aloud

- Read the story as written but aim for making the book come alive.
- Resist the temptation to reinterpret or “translate” the writing. ...
- Use vocal and facial expressions and hand gestures. ...
- Chat about the book at appropriate places. ...
- Reinforce the read aloud.

### FAREWELL TO MS. JEANETTE

Hot summer is upon us here at Kumon of Santa Cruz. Ms. Jeanette is retiring at the end of June. We are most grateful for the instruction and support she has provided to our students over these past two years. Before her departure, please stop by on June 25 around noon time to wish her farewell.



### Daily Study and Time Tracking

Daily study is an important feature of the Kumon Method. Depending on student age and work skills, you can anticipate that your child will spend 10 to 30 minutes per subject on home study each day. Please encourage your child to keep up on their daily study and to remember to record their start and end time on all assignments. Thank you!