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NEWS FROM THE SEATTLE- UNIVERSITY VILLAGE CENTER

Dear Kumon Parents,

It's not uncommon to see kids of all ages absorbed in their smart phones, texting, gaming or surfing, or watching movies, TV shows or YouTube videos. While this is a wonder, all this capability right in their hands, tech access can be a liability, especially when it comes to connecting with family, friends (at least in person) and the wonderful world around them. For some, this includes books.

While it takes concerted effort, I encourage you to make exploration of the written word a part of your summer. Here's a list of tips to create a more reader-friendly environment in your family:

1. **Skip the DVD player and listen to audio books** when you travel.
2. **Create a family reading time daily**, so even parents have the opportunity to turn off the world and tune into a book!
3. **Read a family book together.** They may not admit it, but even middle school students enjoy being read to.
4. **Pick up Alice Ozma's book The Reading Promise: My Father and the Books We Shared.** It tells the story of a 9-year-old girl whose father made a promise to read to her every night for one hundred nights. Yet once they met their goal, they couldn't stop!
5. **Check to see if your library has a summer reading program** - many do, providing kids with a roadmap, incentive and prizes along the way. Be sure to join the our own Summer Reading Challenge (details in the sidebar).

Listening to recorded books or reading aloud as family may also expose children to genres they may not pick up on their own: historical fiction, biography, or science fiction. Reading books that are above a child's grade level can make them



Summer Schedule

Please be sure to visit www.kumonuvillage.com for our summer schedule (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-7:00 pm), important updates, information about our program, staff and the latest news.

Summer Reading/KUMON Book Tracker Contest

June 23-August 22

All UVillage Kumon students are invited to participate in our annual Summer Reading Challenge. At the end of June all interested students will be given a copy of the Kumon Book Tracker in which they will record the books they read over the summer.

At the end of August - before the Labor Day holiday - students will turn in their completed Book Trackers for our review. Everyone who

more receptive when they read the vocabulary or encounter sentence structures at a late date.

The background knowledge our students need for college is vast and school reading will never cover it all. Find summer adventure in the written word!

Happy Summer Exploring!

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completely records their summer books in the Tracker will be eligible for the following prizes:

- the most books read from the Kumon Recommended Reading List
- the most books read overall
- the longest book read
- the most colorful Book Tracker
- the Book Tracker that shows the "most effort."

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