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NEWS FROM THE SEATTLE- UNIVERSITY VILLAGE CENTER

Dear Parents,

At Kumon we believe, all children have the power to succeed in school and in life. You, along with other family members and caregivers (including our staff), can help guide your children to achieve success on their own. **The burning question is how?**

We know that children tend to adopt the same behaviors they see in their parents. What parents say and do in their daily lives can help their children develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and help build self-confidence. Parents who value education and use it in their daily life provide their children with powerful models and contribute greatly to their children's success in life.

The Kumon Math and Reading programs help in this effort by providing the tools your child needs to reach educational success. They help students develop skills and brain power in ways that isn't possible at school, and to a level, that is so essential for achieving excellence. These programs alleviate anxiety often associated with math and reading as children master skills, and are able to move ahead with confidence.

Here are three ways to help guide your children to success:

Inspire a love of reading.



The importance of reading simply can't be overstated. **Reading helps children in all school subjects, and even more important, reading is the key to lifelong learning.** Inspiring your children to become avid readers is one of the most important things you can do to help your children succeed in school and in life. Kumon's Recommended Reading List has a wide range of literature for all different reading levels.

Teach effective study skills.



Effective study skills are absolutely essential to achieve good grades. Make sure your children know how to analyze text, prepare for tests, think critically, memorize facts, and use their time efficiently. Encourage them to study daily at the same time, and provide a study space that is free of distractions.

The Kumon program develops positive work skills in your children such as focused concentration, strong awareness of time, and perseverance. It assures that children commit skills to memory, rather than simply learning concepts for a test, so they have solid footing for continued success.

Model active learning.



Children need active learning experiences as well as quiet learning times, such as reading and doing homework. **Active learning involves asking and answering questions, solving problems and exploring interests.** Active learning can also take place when your children play sports, spend time with friends, act in a school play, play a musical instrument or visit museums.

To promote active learning, listen to your child's ideas and respond to them. Let him/her jump in with questions and opinions when you read books together. When you encourage this type of give-and-take at home, your children's participation and interest in school is likely to increase.

My staff and I are committed to working with you, so together we can help your child scale new heights of academic achievement. As always, if you have questions or concerns about anything, please get in touch.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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