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Dear Kumon Parents,

Even as the seasons change, one thing remains the same. That is the importance of instilling strong learning skills in your child. A little encouragement and guidance can make a real difference in the academic success of your child.

The chief goal of Kumon is creating independent learners for life. Consistent nurturing and expectations help kids develop the skills typically associated with successful students. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you foster learning success in your child.

- **Encourage active participation.** Success becomes more likely when there is a strong learning environment at home. Check in each day to make sure your child's Kumon homework is completed as part of their everyday routine.
- **Establish long-term goals** (measured in short-term increments). Kumon is organized in a way to help children measure and achieve success. It's a good idea to also set up academic milestones at home. Steppingstones to bigger achievements provide opportunities for encouragement and recognition as a child progresses.
- **Make homework a priority.** Let your children relax for 30 minutes after school, have a snack, and then do their Kumon work. Many parents have found that this helps their children focus on the work without distraction, and they typically score better. Home grading is also encouraged. It's a key component for children to internalize the content and become more agile thinkers.
- **Foster daily practice.** Help kids understand that learning is a process, and that a little concerted practice each day adds up to great benefit down the road. Knowledge, confidence and discipline are direct results.

Between you, your child's schoolteachers, and us here at Kumon, the importance of knowledge and learning is ingrained in your child. This consistent message about the value of learning establishes the foundation they need to build strong learning abilities.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions now that the school year is in full swing. I am available to help students as well as their families. Together we can overcome challenges and move on to celebrate the milestones!

Finally, thank you for your dedication to Kumon, and to fostering a love of learning in your child.

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