

Edina & Eden Prairie Kumon Newsletter

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*We Wish You All A Joyful Christmas &
A Happy New Year!!*

Holiday Closing

Our centers will be closed over the Christmas and New Year Holidays from December 22 through January 2. Homework will be given and adjusted for the holidays unless requested otherwise. We would like our parents and students to maintain their daily study habits even during the holiday seasons. Please return all the homework given in good order, corrected and marked at home so that we can continue our students' smooth study progress.

Annual Award Ceremony

Our award ceremony for 2010 will be held on February 20, 2011 (Sunday) from 1-2:30 PM for our second grade and older students and from 3-4 PM for our first grade and younger students. The venue for the ceremony will be held at the Edina Valley View Middle School Auditorium (same as last year). Further announcement will be made regarding the students receiving the awards.

New Staff Members

It is our pleasure to introduce a number of very bright, recent college graduates who are now working at our centers:

Carly McClure – Economics major, Environmental Studies and Math minor B.S. University of Puget Sound, WA. Graduated Summa Cum Laude. She was a volunteer teaching assistant for ESL students, course and Lab assistant at the University. She now works with our reading students in both Edina and EP centers. Her hobbies include playing Ultimate Frisbee, reading and practicing yoga.

Connie Lam – Mathematics major, M.S. University of Minnesota. Minnesota Mathematics License 5-12. Currently working full time at the Inverhills Community College. She was an instructor for College Algebra at the

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University of Minnesota. Other experience includes being the chief assistant at a Kumon Center in Oakland CA for 3 years. Prior to that she was a Kumon Math student completed level L. She works on the weekends in our Edina center with grading and data entry. Her dream is to become a Kumon center owner.

Scott Donaldson – Studio Art major with concentration in Mathematics teaching. B.A. Carlton College, MN. Now interns at the Public Relations and Marketing department at the Walker Art Center. Had tutored high school math students during college. Passionate about math teaching outside of mainstream classroom. Scott was a Kumon math student in Wisconsin through Level K and an assistant at that center for 2-3 years. Scott works comfortably at both Edina & EP centers with pre-kindergarten through college level students.

Ashley Peterson – English major, B.A. University of Minnesota. Had worked in Best Buy for 2 years prior to joining the Kumon Center in Egan, MN. She had experience working with Junior Kumon students as well as students in the advanced reading levels. She now works at both of our centers in the reading area. She is interested in pursuing a library science program in the near future.

Sydney Kelly – Botany and Ecology major, B.S. Wooster College, OH. Had been a conservation and land management intern at the National Park and Preserve, waiting for a more permanent appointment using her talents. She was a Kumon Math student at our Edina Center through Level J and worked as an assistant with our Junior Kumon students prior to college. She now works in our Edina location with our Junior Kumon students until she starts her new job assignment.

In addition to our college graduates, we also have a few new graders who are seniors at the Eden Prairie High School. Both **Anna Leenay** and **Michelle Wu** are 4.0 students who are comfortable with helping in our math and reading area at both centers.

We are very fortunate and proud to have such great, young role models for our students to be in contact with. Please help us welcome them to our centers!

New Website *launching soon*

We are very proud of our website for its functionality, professional look and feel. We are now working very hard in improving our website so that it is easier to navigate and incorporate new features for our site maintenance. Most of the design and coding have been done and the re-launching of the site should be happening in the very near future.

Parent Volunteers

Please contact Dr. Lo if you would like to volunteer at our centers while waiting for your children to complete their class assignment. We can use the extra help in many areas.

Policy Reminders

New Absence Policy - Effective January 2011, Kumon North America will only allow one calendar month absence per year. Beyond that the student is considered discontinued from the program. New registration fee will be charged and all the prior cumulated cosmic points will disappear for the students. We highly recommend families take work with them so that their children's Kumon study will not be interrupted even during vacations.

Students who do not attend class or return any homework during the month will be reported absent. Kumon North America has started emailing surveys to all parents whose children have been reported absent.

Advance Written Notice - Our policy requires 15 days prior written notice of any unpaid absences and one calendar month prior written notice for withdrawal from the program. Without the observed notification period, your EFT payment will **NOT** be stopped automatically.

Homegrading - We have answer keys for each math and reading level for parents to check their children's homework. It is important that the errors made by the students be caught as soon as possible so that the students will be able to learn effectively and experience greater success with less repetitions. Parents need to point out which problem or response is wrong and encourage their children to correct their mistakes before the next day's assignment. We have a brochure that describes how parent can help with home grading. Please stop by our office if you need an answer key, the home grading brochure. See Dr. Lo if you have questions regarding the grading, scoring or recording.

Self-Grading - For our Math students in J level and higher, we have provided solution book for the level of study. The solution books are to be used as a reference for parents and students. When students are having difficulties with a problem, the students may study the solution book before beginning the problems. For the first attempt, if the students find the problems difficult to understand, then they may copy the solution step by step as shown. This helps the students learn the correct intermediate steps to solve the problem. For the second attempt in solving the problem, the students may look at the solution book only for corrections. For the third attempt in solving the same problem, the students should not look at the solution book at all. This is the way to help students develop self-learning.

Building Codes of Conduct - Silent your cell phone and use whispering voices at the center! Students and sibling should never run up and down the hallway and make excess noise. Thank you for adhering to the Building Codes of Conduct. We do appreciate your cooperation!

Signup Times - Adhering to your sign up times avoids congestions at the center. Late comers will not be given the proper amount of time to complete their class work. Priority will be given to students who are scheduled to come at the appointed time

Contact information

Please contact Dr. SK Lo at edina_mn@ikumon.com if you have any concerns.

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"What we aim for is not just to improve students' school grades by simply developing their abilities in Math and Reading (even though we have achieved unprecedented results in this regard), but for students to attain the mindset required for self-learning, and acquire enough self-learning experience that it becomes a habit. This is the true value of the Kumon Method. We must allow children to experience the joy of self-learning and advancing on their own. We hope they will then continue learning by themselves even after they go out into the real world, and grow up into people who give their best in everything they do." – Mr. Toru Kumon