

Summer Hours & Sign Up

Our summer hours will start on June 1 and stay the same as the regular school year hours: M/Th 3-7 pm in Eden Prairie and T/F 3-7 pm in Edina – however, since most families have a different summer schedule compared to the regular school year, we want all families to sign up again for the summer time slots. It is important that students should reconfirm their time slots even though they may stay the same. These time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The class size limits are on the sign up sheets. Please adhere to your sign up times. In order to provide the best service to our students those who have not signed up may not be served during our busy time.

Please let us know if your student will be absent during any time period over the summer and fill out a calendar of their absence to us so that we can plan their work accordingly. Be aware of our new absence policy of no more than one calendar month per year for not discontinuing from the program. We would like our students to stay focus on their daily study routine even though there is no regular school during the summer.

Parent Conference

Parent Conference: May 9 – 12 – May and November are our formal biannual parent conference time. However, these are not the only times that parents can conference with Dr. Lo. Our office hours from 12-2 pm and 7-8 pm on class days are open for any parents who would like to meet with Dr. Lo. New families are scheduled for conferences after three months and six months enrollments.

New Reading Program Policy

Oral reading a must at home and at the center – Parents are not obligated to grade homework for their students in the reading program since we do 100% homework grading at the center. But parents must listen to their children read 5 minutes aloud everyday at home. Please listen for fluency, punctuation and expression and model the reading for your children at home. With the increase staffing at our centers we will require the same for all our reading students when they come to the center.

July 4 Break – Centers Closed

Our centers were closed from July 4-5 (Monday and Tuesday) - Homework will be given over the holidays in the prior week. Students who missed class can come and pick up the July 4 Break work at our office.

Record Student Enrollments

Kumon North America announced highest student enrollments -- the total student enrollments in North America (Canada, US and Mexico) reached over 310,000 this year, up from 280,000 last year.

We have also seen rapid increase in our student enrollments in our centers as well. Our combined enrollments in our two centers are now over 700! We want to thank

our satisfied parents for referring us to their friends and neighbors to help us reach our mission of helping as many students as possible.

New Staff Members

We are planning on hiring a few more reading and Junior Kumon staff members in the near future. They will be introduced as they come on board.

For this month we welcome Nico Adams who is a junior at the Edina High School and an UMTYMP student as well as Olivia Pobel, a graduating high school senior and our Math program completer are our new graders in our Math area in Edina.

New Website to be launched in May

We are experiencing some difficulties in launching our improved website in Mid April. The schedule release would be in May. It is easier for parents to navigate and all the pertinent information are linked on the home page.

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.

Minimum one year commitment - A minimum one year commitment is required for all new enrollments after April 1, 2011. Tuition deposit will not be returned for enrollments shorter than one year. Families with job relocation may be exempt.

Advanced 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.

Home-grading - 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.

Our new policy regarding home-grading is: while not mandatory, it is still highly recommended for the benefits listed above. For reading students it is more crucial that the students read to their parents for at least 5 minutes (out loud) each day.

Please stop by our office if you need an answer key and 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 or info@kumonedina.com if you have any concerns.

Web links

www.kumonedina.com

www.kumonedenprairie.com

"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