

Dear Parents,

Summer is a very busy time for all of us. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer vacation so far! It's hard to believe July 4th is coming up next week.

First we would like to welcome the many new families who join us this summer. Our centers are fully staffed to help you with any questions you might have. You can also sign up to view your child's progress on our website. This information is updated each month to show how your child is progressing through the program. Just email us or filled out a form in our center.

We have only a few announcements this summer:

Summer Signup

Thank you for signing up a summer stand-in time for your children at the center. If you have not signed up your children may not be helped if our class is full.

Vacation and Absences

If you need to take a long vacation break please let us know in advance so that you will not be charged for the month that you are taking off if you are not taking work with you. We also need time to prepare work for you if you want to pick up work during your children's absence. At least one week's notice will be appreciated.

Center Closing

Our Edina Center will be closed on July 1 (Wednesday) and the Eden Prairie center will be closed on July 2 (Thursday) for the July 4th Holiday. Home work will be given during this break.

End of the summer break will occur from August 31 through Labor Day Sept 7. Class will resume on Sept 8 in Edina and on Sept 10 in Eden Prairie. Home work will be given this week upon request.

Center Expansion/Remodeling

We will be annexing the vacant space behind our EP center so that we will have a larger connected space for our parent waiting area and our reading classroom instead of the two separated space we currently have. The remodeling will start soon and the plan is to move into the new remodeled space starting in September.

For the Edina center we have been actively seeking a larger space within the building and in the neighborhood. So far we have identified some locations that may work, however it will take more time to finalize and to get approval for relocating our center. Also our current lease will expire next June, so it will not be in the immediate future that we can relocate.

Home Grading and Positive Reinforcement at Home

We appreciate the trust that parents placed in us to work with their children. However, for some students we feel we are missing the support from their parents at home. To derive the maximum benefit from the Kumon program, parents agreed at the time of enrollment that they would be fully supportive at home. Parents agreed to make sure that all the pages of assignments are done and corrected, the times recorded at home are accurate, to keep abreast of the current and upcoming curriculum, to encourage their children to work responsibly and consistently, to provide praise and positive reinforcement at home,

and to communicate with us if there is any concern. Students who advance quickly through the program also have supportive parents at home who keep up with their promises they signed up at the time of enrollment. Such parenting tasks to be carried out on a daily basis can be overlooked after months and years in the program. We really appreciate those parents for sticking through them. For those who have relaxed on their promises we would like to remind them that their children and we at the center do need your continual support to make the program work at its optimum.

Have a wonderful summer ahead and please keep in touch!

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