

Newsletter: May-June 2010

The school year is almost over and many families are making plans for the summer. We hope Kumon has become a daily routine for our students despite the changes in schedules and activities. Their 15-20 min of daily Kumon exercises will benefit them in many ways, not only in improving their math and reading skills but also enhances their good study habits and their self-disciplines.

Parent Conference

We have set aside May 10-14 from 9:30 am – 6:00 pm for parent conferences. If you have not signed up for the conference yet please do so as soon as possible since there are only a few slots left. We can meet in person or via phone to go over the progress of your child and any concerns you may have.

Summer Sign up

Our summer schedule will start from June 15 and end by August 30. The hours for EP will remain the same on Mondays and Thursdays from 3-7 PM. The hours for Edina will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3-7 PM but NO Saturday classes. All students are required to sign up for the summer schedule whether or not your child's class time will change. Please make sure your child is coming at the time slot that you have signed up for or be prepared to exchange homework only when our class is full.

Edina and Eden Prairie Buildings

The transition from the Jerry's Building to Eden 100 building in Edina was a smooth one. Thanks to the hard work of our staff members helping out in the move. Many parents and students are happy with our spacious and brightly colored new location. It is amazing how much better students are performing in the new center. In the Eden Prairie location we also remodeled to allow much more space for parent waiting in order to keep the classroom quiet for our students to work in. We have also created a few more benches facing away from the classroom so that students can concentrate better with fewer distractions.

In our efforts to keep a quiet, nurturing space for our students, we respectfully ask parents NOT to enter the classrooms during class time unless requested or have an appointment with us. It is important that parents picked up their children as soon as they have completed their classes since we are not allowing them to wait outside of the classroom and we are not responsible for the safety of your children outside of our classrooms.

Despite our move and reorganized space, we found some parents and siblings are still violating the professional building codes of conduct. The noise and disturbance to other tenants resulted in warnings by our landlords to keep our students and parents under good behaviors or in danger of losing our leases.

Thus, we do need the cooperation of parents, siblings, and students to adhere to our professional building codes of conduct which is posted and signed off by parents and students. There is absolutely NO sitting and waiting in the hallway or entrance to the building, NO running and making noises or talking on the cell phone in the hallway and waiting area. Students waiting to be picked up have to wait quietly in the classroom and should be picked up immediately. Repeated violators of the building codes will be asked to discontinue their classes with us. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. S. K. Lo
Director, Edina & Eden Prairie Kumon

Newsletter: Mar-April 2010

Edina & Eden Prairie Kumon Newsletter – March/April 2010

Dear Parents:

Spring is around the corner and we appreciate the much kinder weather after our Award Ceremony in mid-February. Our ceremony was well attended with over 600 guests and students in our regular and junior sessions. The short skit we put together illustrating how to unlock our students' potential was well received. We want to thank our parents, students and staff for participating. Even though acting is not part of our curriculum, it was fun to find talents who could deliver the message with short rehearsals. We have several exciting news for the coming months which are important to note:

Edina Center is Moving!!

With the growing number of students in our Edina Center, we have been pinching for elbow rooms to accommodate our parents and students especially with the stricter building codes. It is a relief that we have finally received the approval from Kumon North America to relocate our center to another building nearby with 2400 sq ft of space – doubling what we have now. The new location is the Eden 100 building on Eden Avenue (just two buildings away, the brown and white office building on stilts across the street from the BlockBuster store). The new address for the center is

5100 Eden Avenue, suite #203/204, Edina MN 55436. See map link below:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=5100+eden+avenue,+edina,+mn+55436&sl=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=43.664131,107.138672&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=5100+Eden+Ave.+Edina,+Hennepin,+Minnesota+55436&z=16

Remodeling construction is underway now. The time table for our move will be during Spring break – the week of March 28 – April 3. So after Spring break, from the week of

April 5, we will be operating in the new space. Each Edina student will be given information about our move in writing should parents miss the email.

Our hours of operation will remain the same.

Remodeling in Eden Prairie Center

After our remodeling we realize we need a larger space for our parent waiting area in Eden Prairie. We are talking with our landlord to remodel our space again to use the current reading area to be our parent waiting area thus doubling the space we currently allotted. We also hope this can be an improvement for our parents and we absolutely would like our parents to wait there without coming into our classroom area to keep it quiet and conducive to learning. Our reading area will be moved to the far end where our worksheets are stored. This will give our reading area a quieter space as well.

Spring break Week

Unfortunately the Spring break week in Edina schools and Eden Prairie schools are different this year. Because of the move we have chosen March 28-April 3 to be our Spring Break week. Homework will be given for the week. If you would like to have no work or reduced work during the week please let us know by March 21, so that we can adjust the work for your children. It is important that parents grade their children's homework so that you can be on top of what and how your children are doing. It will give your children immediate feedback on how they do and help them advance faster in the program and not frustrated with the same correction at the center.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lo
Director
Edina and Eden Prairie Centers