

## Holiday Closings '09

Sept 7	Labor Day
Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Dec 24 & 26	Winter Break
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

We will provide work for our students on the class day before closing. If there are any additional class days your child will miss, please fill out an ADVANCED NOTICE OF ABSENCE form located in the parent waiting area or download and print it from our website at [WWW.CYPRESSKUMON.COM](http://WWW.CYPRESSKUMON.COM)



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## Goal Setting

Both parents and students are encouraged to sign up for a 15–20 minute goal setting meeting periodically. Mrs. Kim will discuss your child's strengths, areas needing improvement, goals for the upcoming months, and any specific concerns about your child's progress in Kumon. Please fill out a REQUEST FOR A CONFERENCE form located in the lobby area or download and print it from our website at [WWW.CYPRESSKUMON.COM](http://WWW.CYPRESSKUMON.COM)

## Long-term Study and the Story of the Chinese Bamboo

Parents and students are often told that Kumon study is a long-term program. The benefits of long-term study in Kumon are explained as mastery, self-confidence, motivation, self-learning, responsibility, independence, self-discipline, perseverance, and strong character.

These are all great attributes, but how does one define "long-term study"? Is it 12 months, 24 months, three years, longer? To get a better understanding of "long-term study," we must first note that the goal of the Kumon Program is mastery of math and reading skills at high school or college levels.

If this is the goal that you would like to see your child achieve, then a progress goal can be made by your Kumon Instructor to estimate the time it will take to reach these levels. Most students will attain grade level within 1-2 years. After that, completing 1.5 Kumon levels per year is the desired achievement.

The beauty of the Kumon Method is that every child is treated as an individual and study is self-paced, so there are no boundaries to keep a child from achieving. The key to achievement in Kumon is consistency over a long period of time.

Achieving long-term benefits with Kumon study is similar to the story of the Chinese Bamboo. "In the far east the people plant a tree called the Chinese bamboo. During the first four years they water and fertilize the plant with seemingly little or no results. Then in the fifth year they again apply water and

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## Annual Award Celebration

We will celebrate our Annual Award Ceremony for **ALL students of Cypress Kumon** in the theater of the Berry Center on at 8877 Barker Cypress Road, **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009** from 2:30 PM–3:30 PM, refreshments to follow. Please mark your calendar and reserve the day to attend our Annual Award Ceremony. Each and every student will receive recognition, so be present with family and friends.

[HTTP://WWW.BERRYCENTER.NET](http://WWW.BERRYCENTER.NET)

## Kumon North American Advanced Student Honor Roll

The ASHR is compiled quarterly (March, June, September & December). Students are ranked based on their highest worksheet attained at the time of the Honor Roll month and their current school grade level. ASHR students are studying concepts in Kumon that are at least 6 months ahead of their regular school work. For information on what worksheet your child needs to attain for the next ASHR, please read the ASHR article found at [WWW.CYPRESSKUMON.COM](http://WWW.CYPRESSKUMON.COM).

## Kumon's Gift, the Gift of Persistence

*Kumon children and parents alike learn persistence by being required to persevere. By interspersing easy work with challenging material, students are trained to achieve through repetition & mastery. What better way to succeed, to avoid the pitfalls of giving up and failing, than to practice persistence on a daily basis. Kumon offers parents a great opportunity to train their children and to give them the gift of perseverance.*

Andrea Pastorok, Ph.D.  
Education Specialist — Kumon North America

## Aim for Program Completion!

Cypress Kumon proudly offers a scholarship of \$250 for Reading Program Completion, and \$500 for Math Program Completion. Each student can receive up to \$750 for completing both subjects. Program Completion is defined as completing the entire Level L in Reading or the entire Level O in Math.



**Enjoy Spring Break  
and get ready  
for the  
Award Ceremony!**

## ...The Chinese Bamboo *Continued from page 1*

fertilizer - and in five weeks' time the tree grows ninety feet in height! The question is: Did the Chinese bamboo grow ninety feet in five weeks, or did it grow ninety feet in five years? The answer is: It grew ninety feet in five years. Because if at any time during those five years the people had stopped watering and fertilizing the tree, it would have died.

Many times our dreams and plans appear not to be succeeding. We are tempted to give up and quit trying. Instead, we need to continue to water and fertilize those dreams and plans, nurturing the seeds of the vision we have within us. Because we know that if we do not quit, if we display perseverance and endurance, we will also reap a harvest."<sup>1</sup>

The goal that you have for your child may be algebra or calculus in math, paraphrasing or summations in reading. Whatever the goal is, the Kumon Method is a tool to water and fertilize your child's ability to achieve that goal. The longer a student is in the Kumon Program, the more nourishment he or she will have to grow. Repetition of worksheets with speed and accuracy on a daily basis is the water and fertilizer needed for adequate growth of academic skills.

As in the growth of Chinese bamboo, the effects of long-term study in Kumon may not appear in students until they have been studying for many years; but if they do not quit, then they will also reap a harvest.

<sup>1</sup>John L. Mason, *An Enemy Called Average*, 1990, p20.

"The Kumon worksheets are designed to develop students' self-learning skills for advanced study; they are not designed to duplicate the school curriculum." Kumon students practice the worksheets on a daily basis to achieve mastery in order to make higher level study easy.

## Notice To Parents

### Absences

Within two consecutive calendar months is considered "absent". More than two consecutive months is considered "discontinued", and a student will be charged for the registration fee upon return.

### Tuition Payment

Tuition is due on the 1st of the month. Please send all questions about tuition to [BILLING@CYPRESSKUMON.COM](mailto:BILLING@CYPRESSKUMON.COM) or drop a note in the payment drop box for our billing staff to contact you during non-class hours.

### Miscellaneous

Kumon tuition does not qualify as child care or dependent care expense. Therefore, parents should not attempt to claim it as a tax credit or for reimbursement via a flexible spending account. Instructors are not required to provide their employer identification numbers for this purpose.

### Center Hours

Class hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Kumon Centers are not day-care centers. They cannot provide child care services and are not responsible any child who stays on the premises after the child's study session.

### Center Routine Reminder

Mrs. Kim's attention must be directed toward the students during class hours. Parents may request a meeting with Mrs. Kim by phone or email any time.