

# Newsletter

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Dear families,

*Kumon develops self-learning by allowing students to study ahead of school grade level. As students advance ahead of school grade level in the Kumon worksheets, they learn for themselves what they are yet to be taught at school. They study the example, draw on previous learning and give it a try. They try, and try again, until they finally get it. Sometimes with a hint from the Instructor.*

*I would like dedicate this newsletter to discuss self-learning, what it is, and its benefits for children. Should you wish to talk about your children's progress through Kumon, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.*

## Self-learning: an invaluable ability for children

If your children enjoy learning on their own, they have confidence in their skills and can take on new challenges. In Kumon, we identify this as self-learning. Self-learning is seen as the ability to take in information, process it, retain and understand it without the presence of a teacher. This ability has many benefits for students. In the below article are five benefits of self-learning for children which may be of interest to you:

### 1. Development of better memory retention

Kumon believes that children who learn concepts on their own can better remember and retain knowledge. Based on our decades of experience in supporting children's learning, when children are encouraged to retrace their steps by correcting mistakes or to evaluate how problems were solved, it is highly likely they will retain, in their long-term memory, the specific steps towards solving a problem.

### 2. Taking responsibility for their own learning

When children learn something on their own, they gain a sense of ownership for their work. They come to understand the link between the effort that they put in, and what they are able to achieve. Through this process, they develop a sense of responsibility towards their learning.

### 3. Building a strong work ethic

As children develop a sense of ownership for their learning, they take responsibility for important tasks such as double-checking work and correcting errors. They come to appreciate the importance of a daily study habit. They come to know their limitations and when it is necessary to ask for help. As children consolidate these skills, a solid work ethic evolves.

### 4. Growing more confident

As children grow more confident by overcoming challenges, they will feel ready to tackle further challenges. Children who self-learn are less inclined to give up at the first hurdle. They try and try again until they get the answer right.

### 5. Going beyond their comfort zone.

As self-learning ability develops, children will develop a mindset that no problem is too difficult to attempt. They will not be afraid to learn new things. They become interested in taking on new experiences and challenges. With this mindset, their opportunities will widen.



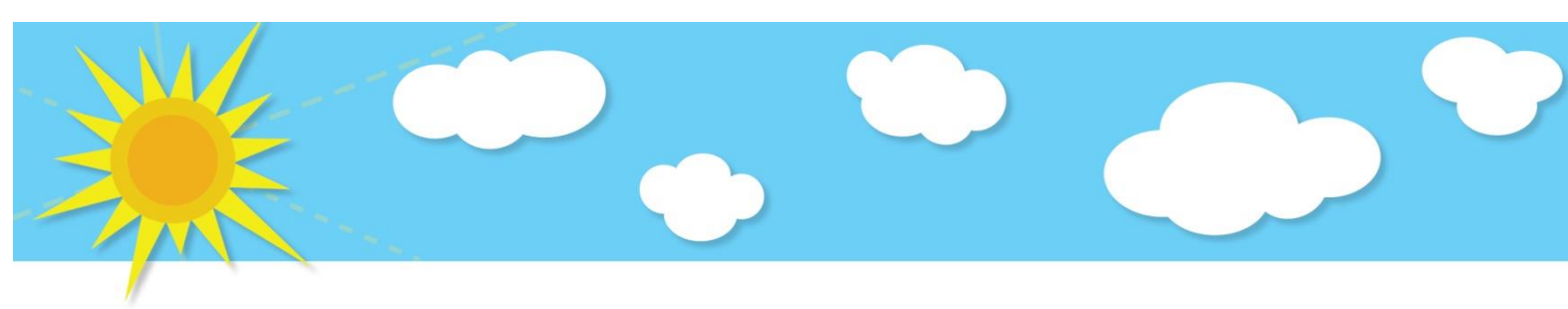
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## Why is it beneficial for children to study above their school grade level at Kumon?



Studying beyond school grade level at Kumon not only benefits students academically, but fosters confidence, healthy self-esteem and a challenging spirit.



Through more than 60 years' experience of supporting students with their learning, Kumon has found that through advanced study and by progressing through their own efforts, students become motivated to take on further challenges and to explore their own areas of interest.

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Learning through uncertainty



**SELF-LEARNING ABILITY**

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As students make progress through Kumon, they develop the ability to self-learn.

Self-learning allows Kumon students to continue learning independently, even during uncertain times.

## September calendar

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