



# Newsletter

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Dear families,

*Kumon students come to see challenges, mistakes and the need to exert effort as opportunities. They are not afraid to have a go. Such students are confident in the classroom and are set for a rich academic life. One of our aims in Kumon is to build students' confidence from day one.*

*I have dedicated this month's newsletter to explain how Kumon develops confidence in students. Should you wish to talk about your children's progress through Kumon, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.*

## Five ways Kumon nurtures confident learners

At Kumon, we emphasise developing good study habits while maintaining your child's motivation to learn. We avoid overexerting students and emphasise efficient and consistent study. This supports your child to develop confidence as they learn. In the below article, we explain five ways how Kumon supports children to grow into confident learners.

### 1. The starting point

Your child begins Kumon with worksheets that make it relatively easy for them to attain a near perfect score, in a short amount of time. This helps your child feel confident they can do the worksheets on their own. Once your child grows in confidence, they become enthusiastic to continue learning and study more worksheets. Through learning each day, your child's concentration expands and a daily study habit forms.

### 2. A clear path for progress

Kumon is structured in a series of levels that become more challenging as your child progresses. This structure allows your child to have a clear idea of their learning.

### 3. Careful monitoring of workload

As your child gains confidence in their learning, they will begin to show enthusiasm towards study. If we suddenly start to give your children a lot of work to accommodate their enthusiasm, this could quickly demotivate them. It is important to monitor your child's workload, to ensure they are not overexerted. We assess and adjust your children's study plan on a regular basis.

### 4. Practice and daily study

Your child can repeat worksheets when needed to decrease the number of errors, reduce their completion time, review an earlier topic, or consolidate something new before they move on. The right amount of practise and a daily study habit lay the foundation for smooth progress.

### 5. Learning at the 'just-right' level

All children have varying levels of academic ability. If children study the same content because they are of the same age, some lose confidence as the material is too difficult, while others become bored because it is too easy. Kumon ensures children always study worksheets at their 'just-right' level – the spot between study material that is too easy and too difficult. By maintaining each child's study at their 'just-right' level, children feel confidence as they overcome challenges in their learning.

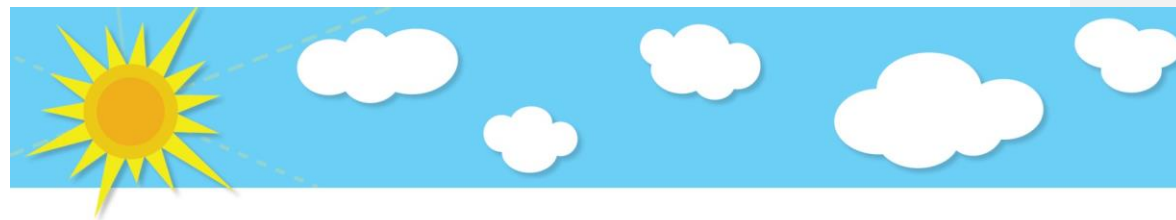


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“Through an accumulation of small successes children learn to do things with confidence and sureness.”

—Toru Kumon

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Learning through uncertainty



SELF-CONFIDENCE

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When our students encounter a new problem, concept or challenge, they have a go by themselves first. They study the examples, draw on previous learning and have the confidence to try.

They try, then think some more, and try again so they can answer the question with confidence.

### October calendar

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