



Kumon at home can be quite challenging for young children (and their parents) in the first few months after enrolling in the program. Time is spent establishing a routine, developing proper study habits and creating lasting motivation.

With a goal of creating a strong foundation from Day 1, parent involvement and support at home is key to the success of early learners.

Curated by Kumon Parents and Instructors, this handout provides the **Top 5 Kumon at Home Tips** that will help set our early learners on the path to success.

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1 Create a distraction-free study area

Keep the study area to the basics: worksheets, pencils, an eraser and a sharpener. The TV should be turned off, and gadgets and toys should be away from view.



2 Guide your child through Kumon

Although we're developing self-learners, early learners still need our help in guiding them through the worksheets.

It's simple: Just follow the **Instructions and Instruction Notes*** on the front sheet before starting the assignment.

3 Develop important study habits

One of the primary goals of Kumon is to develop independent self-learners. Through the development of study habits and study attitude to self-learn, Kumon Students are able to study years beyond their grade level. As your child does home assignments, please make sure that your child is getting into the habit of:

Time Awareness



Separating and previewing worksheets to understand the work for the day

Recording starting and finishing times of each assignment

Concentration



Avoiding conversation while doing Kumon

Helping bring the attention back to the worksheets by pointing/looking at the last question

Confidence



Knowing that making mistakes is ok

Developing an attitude to try on their own first (without asking questions)

Worksheets



Completing the work in the correct order (by date/exercise sequence)

Writing their name, date and starting/finishing times on the front sheet of each assignment

Using a sharpened pencil (not a pen)

Organization



Keeping all assignments organized in the Kumon homework pouch/backpack

Being prepared with pencils, erasers and sharpener

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Establish a consistent homework routine

A designated “Kumon time” each day sets clear expectations, promotes strong study habits and starts to establish time management skills. “Kumon time” can be in the morning, afternoon or night. Explore different times to find when works best for you and your child.

When developing a routine consider:

-  Your child’s energy level and whether he/she prefers to do Kumon early in the morning, the afternoon, before dinner or right before bed time (including activities outside of Kumon)
-  Whether your child needs to eat before doing Kumon to help with focus
-  Having your child do Kumon while an older sibling does schoolwork (or their Kumon work) – this can make them feel like one of the big kids, which is typically something little ones aspire to

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Recognize Accomplishments

When you praise and are excited about your child’s day-to-day effort, your child will be motivated and feel proud. Some parents find it helpful to create a reward system, such as collecting stickers to exchange for prizes or family movie nights.

