

# Mistakes to avoid during the school year

It's just as important for parents to be prepared for the rigors of the school year as it is for their children. Being in the right frame of mind will help parents make smart, supportive decisions that can help their children find success.

Kumon Math and Reading Centres offer the following tips to help parents avoid five common mistakes when supporting their children's academic success:

## Underestimating Your Children's Ability

Don't underestimate your children's abilities by assuming that they will be weak in a subject just because you were. Expect your children to reach their potential in all subjects.

And if your children are struggling in math but love reading, help them discover new ways to enjoy math.

## Expecting Perfection Instead of Progress

If you only praise your children when they complete a task or reach a goal, they may give up long before ever finishing. Demonstrate your belief in them and their abilities by giving genuine and frequent praise for progress and effort.

## Allowing Your Children to Quit Whenever the Work Gets Hard

Encourage your children to perse-

vere when schoolwork becomes challenging. Help them take a step-by-step approach. Work with your children to identify the information needed to solve problems and pinpoint places where you think they might get stuck.

## Allowing Your Children to Be Disorganized

The most successful students acquire good study habits and strong organizational skills with the help of their parents. Start by creating a special learning area at home and a set time for homework and reading. Show them how to organize their time by using a calendar or day planner.

## Refusing to Admit that Your Children Are Capable of

### Doing Anything Wrong

Children, no matter how hard they try, will make mistakes; but mistakes are opportunities for learning. Remember this the next time a teacher, friend or parent brings your children's behaviour to your attention. Speak to your children privately and decide the best way to handle it.

More educational tips and hints can be found online at [www.facebook.com/kumon](http://www.facebook.com/kumon). You can learn more about the Kumon program at [www.kumon.ca](http://www.kumon.ca).

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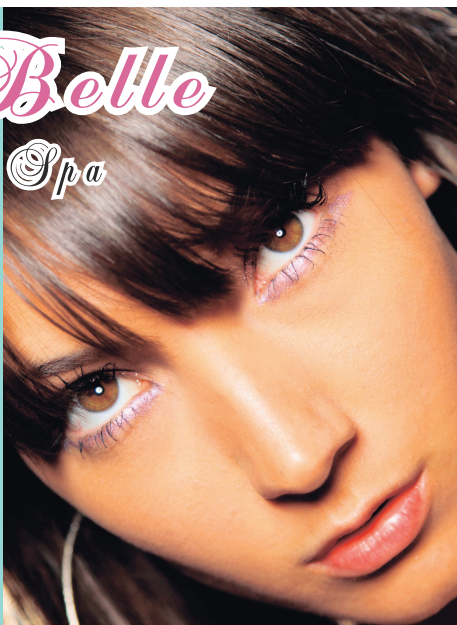
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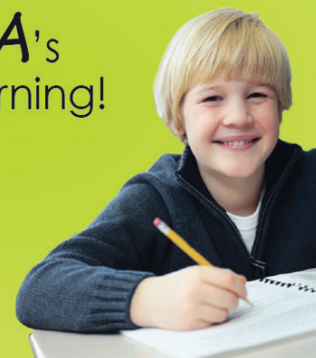
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