<<Bhamini Makwana>>

Thank you Ms. Hira and Ms. Sofia.

Good afternoon …

Oh Come on..one more time..Good afternoon…

Thank you all for being here. We have an exciting program today. I request all the parents to stay till the end to support all our students and also not miss the important announcements we have at the end.

I would like to welcome our special guest Ms. Denise from Kumon Chicago Branch office. I would like to thank you, Denise to be here to support our students in celebrating their success. I would request Ms. Denise to say a few words.

<<Denise Speech>>

<< Thank you, Denise>>

I would also like to recognize, all the Kumon staff who is doing an outstanding job at carrying out our mission and maximizing each child’s potential. They are my eyes and ears and without their help, it would be impossible for me to keep track of how everyone is doing. I would like to thank all my staff members for their hard work! Please give a round of applause to all our staff as well.

<< Applause>>

<<Group 1 from 1 to 29 line up>>

It just seems like yesterday when we had our last award ceremony. How many of you were here for the last ceremony? Raise your hands please?

Do you remember what was the theme of our last ceremony??

I will give you two choices: a). Positive Attitude b). Grit

Wait for kids to answer…

The theme was about Grit. Grit is about sustaining passion and perseverance towards a long term goal.

Our this year’s theme is about mindsets, and specifically Growth Mindset.

1. Growth VS. Fixed Mindset
2. How do you develop it?
3. How parents can help?

1)Gorwth VS. Fixed mindset:

So first, what is a mindset?

A mental attitude or disposition that predetermines a person’s response.

A mindset is a belief that orients the way we handle situations — the way we sort out what is going on and what we should do.

You all know the Willis/Sears tower in downtown?

Let’s say that if you were asked to climb the stairs of Willis tower from ground floor to the top floor, How many of you will think of climbing? Raise your hands please.

<<wait for the audience>>

Now if I were to ask you to go down the stairs from top floor to ground, how many of you might be willing to do that?

<<wait for the audience>>

So as you see there are people with two different mindsets. Fixed Mindset and Growth Mindset.

The fixed mindset people might think..No way! That’s crazy! And the growth mindset people might think..hmm that’s going to be tough and take time, but I am going to try!

Dr. Dweck a professor from Stanford university coined the terms fixed mindset and growth mindset to describe the underlying beliefs people have about learning and intelligence. When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore, they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement.

Let’s watch a small video about what are these two different mindsets.

<<fixed v/s growth mindset Video>>

Now, I am sure you want to know how to develop the growth mindset, right? But before we do that….Let us award few students.

We will call Ms. Hira and Ms. Sofia back to stage

As we start, I would request all the parents to please hold the applause till the whole group is ready to take picture.

Also, I request all the to stay till the end as we will continue to discuss how to develop and growth mindset and how parents can support their children.

We will start with Achievement awards. These students are working towards Honor Roll levels.

<< Group 1 to 3>>

<<let us now continue with the awards>> We are now presenting Graduate Awards.

It takes years of commitment, discipline, grit and positive mind set to be a Kumon graduate! Students who are coming up personifies these skills in them. I would like to congratulate the families as well for cultivating and fostering these skills in these students.

Let’s hear from our Graduate : Ayush Khot

Let me ask a question to all of you..

How many of you look at your Kumon and think in your mind …this is HARD? Raise your hands..

<<wait>>

How many of you look at your kumon and think in your mind..this looks interesting. Let me see how can I do it or ask someone about how to do it…? Raise your hands…

We need to develop a mindset that anything can be achieved. People with Growth Mindset are persevering through struggle because they believe that hard work is part of the process and they understand that failure is not a permanent condition. Those with “fixed mindset” believe that success stems from innate talent and tends to give up when challenges rise

What if I told you that Kumon helps you develop a growth mindset?   
Let’s watch a video by professor Jo Baylor who is a Math Professor from Stanford University and hear what she says about growth mindset.

<< mindset and practice video>>

Let’s call our three graduates and ask them few questions about their journey . << Lohit, Kavya, Kunal >>

We will call Ms. Hira and Ms. Sofia back to stage

I would also like to remind parents that please sit through the complete program to recognize all the kids. It’s our duty to recognize each and every one of these kids – because what they do is not easy and I am sure we can spend some time today to give them the honor they deserve.

<< Group 4 to 7>>

<< Our next speaker is Ananya Handa, who is 8th grader and graduated from Kumon reading program, and now in level L in math>>

Let’s hear from our Graduate : Ananya Handa

<<Thank You, Ananya>>

When a student studies above their grade level materials that is when they are maximizing their capacity.

We have to recognize that when our children are studying advanced materials, frustration and confusion will be part of the advance learning. And when they rise from this frustration and confusion, that is when they SHINE! As parents you influence heavily as to how your child learns/tackle new content.

Let us watch a video of How Can Parents help their kids develop a growth mindset?

<<Tiger video>>

We will call Ms. Hira and Ms. Sofia back to stage

<< Group 8 to 11>>

Congratulations!! To all the award recipients!

This concludes this year’s ceremony

On behalf of all my staff and I, we wish you all the best, and Congratulations to students and parents.

Please have all the staff on the stage after you had the children to parents.