

# POTENTIAL

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## KUMON FEATURE

A Strong Start Makes  
A Difference

## PARENTING TIPS

Why Reading in Early Years Counts?

## MY LIFE, MY DREAM

★ Maanyata  
★ Siyona Abbey







## THE RIGHT NUDGE WITH KUMON

Siyona's creative imagination led to the creation of her first fictional novel - 'Every End Has a New Beginning'. Siyona used to love reading fairy tales and watch movies based on those stories. However, after the story would end, she couldn't help but think about what could happen next. She would come up with possible scenarios and share them with her mother who suggested that she should write these ideas in her diary before she forgets. This started the journey of her first book.

Siyona's motivation to be the best that she can in all areas is something that she was able to focus on in Kumon. "I am motivated to stay in Kumon because it has helped me develop as a person, and I believe it will continue to help me moving forward" said Siyona. She further adds, "Kumon helped me gain skill and expertise in maths making it my favourite subject and my maths teacher's favourite student. It has helped me become a more independent thinker in every way. Kumon teaches you how to teach yourself to be self-sufficient and that is completely invaluable."

Having been enrolled in Kumon for more than 4 years, Siyona has experienced the true benefits of the Kumon Method. As she developed her academic ability through self-learning, Kumon also fostered a positive attitude toward study and good study habits, ultimately enabling the development of Siyona's overall abilities. One of Siyona's best memories of Kumon is a recent one. It was the day she had been patiently waiting for since 3 years. She received her first Kumon gold trophy on 11th May 2019 for studying 3 years above her school grade level.

Siyona admits Kumon hasn't been easy, but she's quick to say she has been able to achieve success because of the motivation and self-confidence that she has developed over a period of years.





This is what Siyona's Instructor had to say about her:

"Siyona is a very hard working student, having worked her way up from one level to the next. Very driven, carried on at her own pace and gradually she started moving beyond her grade. There were challenges along the way and there still would be, but she has tackled them head on and still does, with panache. Now, she feels anything is possible and nothing is impossible. She is always willing to try something new and that has turned her into a very confident person. She is evolving into an independent thinker and worker. And since she is studying beyond her grade level, treading into the unfamiliar, beyond her comfort zone, she is learning to deal with challenges and overcome them bravely, not only with respect to Kumon, but in life as well".

Siyona's mother, Chinmayee believes the impact and contribution of Kumon classes extend beyond classroom or maths concepts. She completely abides by Kumon philosophy of "Every child is unique" and shared while it is important to trust your child, it is equally important to introspect as a parent.

When asked what advice would she give to parents on how to support their children in their Kumon journey? Chinmayee shared, "Believe in your children". To be successful in life we need commitment, dedication and consistency and Kumon teaches children all these. These skills encourage our children to dream big and believe in the power of their dreams.

Guidance from others alone is not enough. To succeed in anything in life, what is most important is one's attitude and effort. Siyona's achievement today is certainly not sheer luck, but the product of her hard work, combined with the support of her parents and Instructor. Siyona is one of the many students who faced difficulties during their Kumon journey, but what makes her shine is her perseverance and courage to dream and reach her goals.

## SIYONA ABBEY, 9 YEARS OLD

### Starting Kumon Level:

ME: Level 3A71, corresponding to Nursery (additions up to +3)

### Current Kumon Level:

ME: Level H200, corresponding to class 8 (simultaneous linear equations, inequalities, functions & graphs, monomials & polynomials)

