

# *A Warehouse for the Future*

In 2014, Kumon Mexico relocated its warehouse to a new industrial building in Tultitlán, about forty minutes from Mexico City. The new warehouse is almost 800 square meters in size, cleaner and more environmentally friendly. With this change, Kumon Mexico improved its daily operations, optimized the storage of worksheets and other materials and significantly upgraded its corporate image.

Marco Antonio Ruíz Rojas, General Accountant for Kumon Mexico, described some of the Green features of the new facility. The warehouse has large windows that allow natural light to illuminate the main hall. In addition, the warehouse has two lines of polyurethane insulation blocks in the roof that reduce electricity usage. Motion detectors are used to activate the lights on the second floor and turn them off after 10 seconds if they do not detect any movement. “Even if we believe that our effort is minimal, the sum of all of our efforts will help to preserve the environment and take care of the planet,” said Marco.

There is no drinking water in the industrial park where the warehouse is located. Instead, every warehouse has a water tank that is filled with a service pipe. “In this way, we can have the control of the amount of water that is used”.

The warehouse is very diligent about paper recycling and has a unique arrangement to maximize the impact of its efforts.



Kumon Mexico donates outdated worksheets and other paper products to an organization that sells the materials to a recycler and uses the proceeds to help children in need of medical attention. In 2015, they donated 11 pallets or almost 5 tons of paper to the organization. The mother of one four year old who benefitted from the donation wrote a letter of thanks to Kumon Mexico. “My family really appreciates your help. Without your support, my daughter would not have had this surgery.”