

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Hurlburt Field Child Development Center wins Kid's Habitat Contest April 2011

Hurlburt Field Child Development Center, Hurlburt, Florida has been picked as the winner in Florida Wildlife Federation's Second Kids' Habitat Contest.

The habitat, which boasts a greenhouse, planter beds, fruit and native trees, a pond with goldfish, and a nature walk, was planted and is tended with the help of the students who range from 2 to 5 years old, and is used with the guidance of Meggie O'Brien, Playground Coordinator. The habitat is used as an outdoor classroom and in the past year has allowed children to view black bears, rabbits, deer, turtles, birds, squirrels, and mice, along with other wildlife. A pre-school classroom has planted a variety of flowers in a planter box to compare their flowers with the wildflowers in the habitat. Florida Wildlife Federation staff was especially charmed by Meggie O'Brien's describing the classroom that went on a hunt for earthworms to see which child could find the longest worm in the habitat.

Both teachers and students benefit by being outdoors in fresh air and nature. Florida Wildlife Federation believes that it is important that very young children be given the opportunity to learn to enjoy the outdoors, it is a gift that will enrich their lives. Many studies have shown that today's children spend too much time indoors on computers and television, which is believed to cause many health and development problems. Hurlburt Field Child Development Center students are well on their way to learning to avoid those problems.

CONGRATULATIONS, HURLBURT FIELD CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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