

Highlands Elementary School Students Make A Worm Bin for Their Classroom

Gifted students in third, fourth and fifth grades had an opportunity to get their hands in the dirt when Kathy Walker, District Administrative Coordinator in Madison County SWCD visited with a box of worms and all the makings for a worm bin for their classroom!

The students were not at all squeamish about digging into the bin to make sure that their worms had what it took to survive. The students hope that those worms produce some good potting soil for their outdoor raised bed vegetable garden.



Linda Hardee is a teacher who goes the extra mile to make learning fun for her students. She and her students had observed how much of the food on their tray was thrown away after they had eaten lunch. Through her teaching the students have learned to make better food choices at lunch.

Kathy Walker was invited to teach the students how to make their own worm bin and maintain it by using scraps left from their lunch. They learned to make sure that no meat, bones, or dairy items were put into the worm bin.

The students received permission to build and maintain a raised bed garden in the courtyard outside of their classroom. They hope to use some of their earthworms in that outdoor garden as well.

When students have a chance to learn in a fun, visual, and hands-on way, they are excited to share that new knowledge with others. Hopefully these are “life lessons!”