

Mission Statement

It is the mission of Learning for Life to serve others by helping to instill core values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices throughout their lives

Fourth Annual Recognition Luncheon



On April 13, Learning for Life and Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex with the support of Orange County Public Schools recognized forty-seven outstanding teachers in Orange County who have made character a priority in their classroom.

Cynthia Drayton, Principal Orange Center Elementary, served as the Mistress of Ceremony for the event to honor the special teachers for their dedication to character education.

Teachers spent the day at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex where they were presented a "Star Teacher" certificate. The teachers also had the opportunity to explore and view the new Apollo IMAX.

Learning for Life and Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex were happy to host this event and are proud of the well-rounded education provided to the children of our community.



Orange County Public Schools are Great!

The 2005-2006 school year marks the seventh year of partnership between the Central Florida Learning for Life Program and Orange County Public Schools.

This partnership became available in Orange County with the aid of a grant from the Department of Education. At its inception OCPS was instrumental in choosing 11 schools to participate in this character education program and in helping Learning for Life to establish relationships with the staff at those schools.

Since the beginning of this partnership, Learning for Life has experienced tremendous success and growth in Orange County. The program is now being taught at 41 schools throughout the county reaching more than 30,400 boys and girls kindergarten through fifth grade. Learning for Life has found a great home in these schools and has proven to be an asset to many educators.

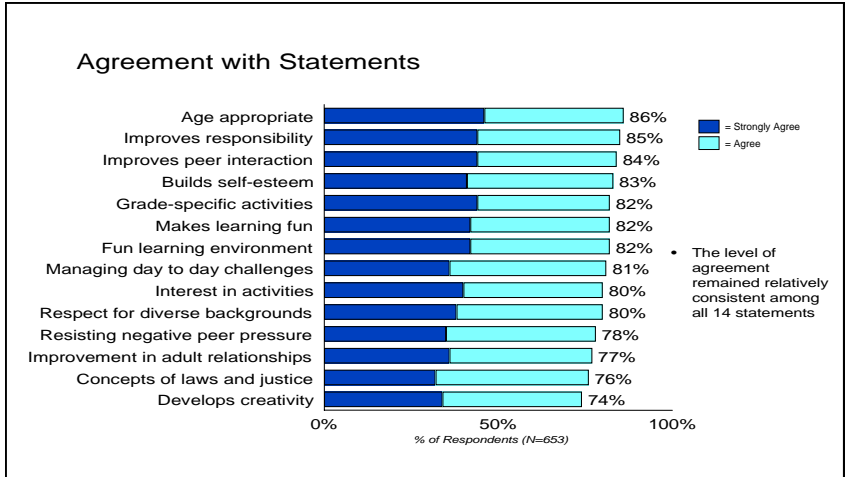


Learning for Life Elementary Schools

Azalea Park
Bonneville
Camelot
Chickasaw
Citrus
Columbia
Conway
Cypress Park
Dillard Street
Dover Shores
Eagle's Nest
Endeavor
Englewood
Hunter's Creek
Lake Silver
Lakeville
Lancaster
Little River
Lovell
Maxey
McCoy
Metro West
Oak Hill
Oakland Ave Charter
Orange Center
OrloVista
Pine Hills
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Learning for Life Works - Florida Outcome Survey

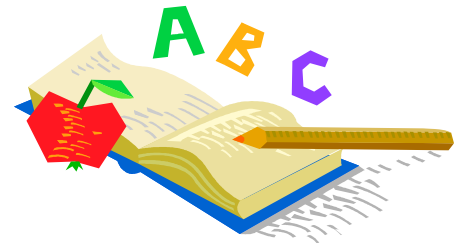
Learning for Life Executives in Florida were asked to distribute as many questionnaires as possible to educators who used the Learning for Life Program during the 2004-2005 school year. The completed questionnaires were returned to Ulrich Research Services, Inc. for data processing and analysis. The overall evaluation of the Learning for Life program was favorable, with most educators very supportive of the Learning for Life program, reporting it is helpful in the children's academic curriculum. Ten to fourteen statements were agreed with by 80 percent or more of the respondents, indicating a strong receptivity to the program. The top rate attributes were "age-appropriate activities" and "increasing responsibility".



Providing Elementary Schools the Tools to Teach Character Education

Curriculum for Elementary Schools

The curriculum for each grade level consists of 61 lesson plans designed to reinforce social, ethical, and academic skills in areas, such as critical and creative thinking, ethical decision making, interpersonal relationships, practical living skills, building self-worth, writing and other language arts, and participating citizenship.



Guest Speakers



In the 2005-2006 school year, guest speakers have been high on the list of requests. Through Learning for Life, children have learned about diverse cultures, been exposed to Native American music and stories. In addition there has been many positive role models available throughout the year. Including learning what it takes to being good citizens, fire safety week and dental health week. During Red Ribbon Week, UCF Athletes volunteered to speak to students about the dangers of drugs and the importance of making good decisions.



Recognition Program

Learning for Life offers a recognition plan for elementary students to encourage positive behavior, foster a sense of belonging to a group, assist in building self-worth, and reward positive work ethic.

For Kindergarten through fifth grade, the recognition plan is an honor chart with space for student names. There are 15 brightly colored stickers that relate to the 61 lesson plans in each book. When the class completes a designated set of themes, the teacher places the appropriate sticker on the honor chart by the name of each student who participated.

