Online exclusive:
'Homeroom' video show
Be sure to check out the video show "Homeroom" with Demopolis schools reporter Jordan Culver at Tallahassee.com/homeroom. This week he talks with Brandon Clayton, a Bond Elementary School reading teacher who won the Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator Award.

MAKE YOUR PLANS
Limelight Extral gives a heads-up on what's happening this weekend. # Page 3C

SCHOOL & FAMILY

Tish Hanson works with children teaching science, math and working together in their MoLab after-school program. CLEAVEN BILLEN/DESAID

After-school science

Program teaches Ruediger, Gilchrist kids about environment, sustainability

By Jordan Culver
Demopolis Staff Writer
Tish Hanson on Twitter

A 10-year-old Khloe Jennings is teaching to educate her mother on the future. The things she thinks are important. One of the top issues on Khloe's mind these days is solar energy. The fifth grader is focused on how to reduce energy costs in her own home, thanks to the time she's spending in an after-school program hosted by McLab's center for Mobile Science Laboratory Inc.

"My mom got tired of my asking her questions about it," she said with a laugh.

Khloe's mom, at least at students in two different elementary schools learning about sustainability in McLab's six-week after-school program. The group of students consists of 20 third, fourth and fifth graders from Ruediger Elementary and 15 fourth and fifth graders from Gilchrist.

Tish Hanson, McLab's co-founder, said the program is called "Energy Auditor."" It's basically like having your own energy auditor go through your house to audit their own homes. Once a week, Hanson and Arlene Hills, McLab's other co-founder, travels to Gilchrist and Ruediger to teach students about environmental issues, sustainability solutions and technological advances.

The program is funded by a $5,000 grant from the Technology Education Resource & Reform Alliance. Both Hill and experience teaching — Hill was the former director of education

See LAB # 3C

On-line See a video from Tomorrow's Energy Auditor at Tallahassee.com/mobilescience