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Whitney Brothers® Nature View Play Beach House Earns Spaces4Learning 2025 Product Award

Award hails the inventive biophilic design that transports young learners to a tranquil ocean beach where turquoise water and sandy shores teem with life awaiting discovery.

Keene, NH, August, 2025 – Acclaimed Early Learning furniture brand Whitney Brothers® today announced its new Nature View Play Beach House received a Platinum 2025 *Spaces4Learning* Product Award, one of the most widely recognized awards for innovation in the educational products market.

Now in its 10th year, the *Spaces4Learning* Product Award honors outstanding products from manufacturers and suppliers that demonstrably enhance learning environments. The contest judges are professionals from leading industry vendors, industry associations and architecture firms.

The 2025 program recognized 13 companies whose products span various K–12 and higher education categories including building interiors, restrooms / locker rooms, safety / security, technology, and furniture, fixtures and equipment. The 2025 award also marks the sixth consecutive win by Whitney Brothers®, a distinction that only a select few brands of educational furniture have achieved.

"Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 Spaces4Learning Product Awards!" said Rhea Kelly, editor in chief of *Spaces4Learning*. "These outstanding solutions enhance learning environments across all grade levels and help shape the future of education facilities."

Brilliant scenes depicted on clear acrylic wall panels in the Nature View Play Beach House recreate the experience of a sunny day at an ocean beach that invites exploration. Curious children can find seagulls, hermit crabs, sea turtles, manta rays, dolphins, coconuts, sailboats and an iconic lighthouse. The walls are constructed in solid maple and clear, shatter-resistant acrylic panels that dampen noise yet provide important visibility for supervision of children inside, an important safety consideration. Wide door openings provide accessibility and the open pergola-style roof ensures proper ventilation.

The beach house also satisfies every state requirement for a designated quiet space in Early Learning environments and coordinates with the company's biophilia inspired Nature View Collection, an industry first for Early Learning furniture.

Scientific studies support that biophilic design helps to reduce stress, enhance creativity, focus clarity of thought and improve well-being, benefits that can foster a child's deep connection to their learning environment and set a positive trajectory for future learning outcomes. The 83-piece Nature View Collection has earned multiple design awards from *Interior Design* magazine, *spaces4learning*, GOOD DESIGN™ and Architizer A+.

"We're honored to receive this award from *Spaces4Learning* because it recognizes the importance of biophilic design for our youngest learners," said Scott Kroeger, Whitney Brothers® president. "Whitney Brothers® is committed to delivering innovative furniture that elevates the learning experience for developing young minds. The Nature View Play Beach House is another great example of how our fresh approach to design intentionally enriches Early Learning classroom environments."

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Pictured: WB1511 Nature View Play Beach House





About Spaces4Learning

Spaces4Learning is a leading publication for education institutions, the architectural community, service providers and others interested in creating high-quality educational facilities. The brand's magazine, website and digital products bring together a broad array of vital resources and services that keep facilities professionals abreast of current issues, trends and research; provide professional development opportunities; and connect those sharing a common interest.

About Whitney Brothers®

Founded in 1904, Whitney Brothers® invented furniture for Early Learning and institutional childcare environments and pioneered its commercial distribution through educational distributors and dealers in schools, childcare centers, Head Start facilities, churches, libraries, museums, and residential homes throughout North America and around the world. The brand's rich heritage spans 121 years of award winning products renowned for uncompromising quality, design, innovation, safety, durability and value. Each product is UL GREENGUARD® Gold certified, qualifies for LEED credits, meets or exceeds applicable CPSIA / ASTM / BIFMA requirements, supported by a Limited Lifetime Warranty and proudly made in America.

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