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These axolotls are drawn by Jitka Horne, originally from Czechoslovakia, but living for many years in Bloomington, Indiana. Jitka team teaches with Sue Hicks at Hoosier Courts Cooperative Preschool. In their classroom they have 2 axolotls who spawn quite eagerly each spring. With each fresh spawn, the children in their classroom explore the wonders of development through counting embryos, sorting out good and bad embryos, and drawing the stages of development as they observe the changes. Most importantly, they discuss and “write” their thoughts on axolotls, pets, animals, families, science and nature.

There are other wonderful teachers like Jitka Horne and Sue Hicks, with incredibly dynamic classrooms like theirs at all precollege grade levels. These teachers are eager for new materials and ideas to introduce to their students. Researchers can make a difference in this world as well as in teaching undergraduates, and the results may likely be more profound.

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Thanks,  
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