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Enrichment classes include such things as Spanish, computer keyboarding and math classes on the stock market. There are physical education classes as well as those for gifted students.

Such an array of course offerings has not come at the expense of the learning basics either.

Highmeadow students scored well above average on the 1992-93 Michigan Education Assessment Program tests.

Of Highmeadow fourth-graders tested for reading, 80.8 percent scored satisfactory. That compares favorably to the state average 36.7 percent.

Highmeadow fourth-graders scored exceptionally well in math (86.5 percent satisfactory) as did fifth-graders in science (91.3 percent). Standardized test results are above average, Colliton said.

Academics are combined with developing social skills.

Base groups are formed with three to four children, who work together on projects throughout their time at Highmeadow.

The idea is to allow kids to learn to get along and learn with others.

First-grade teacher Sandy Widmer said studies have found isolated children tend to have emotional or academic problems. That's not the case at Highmeadow.

"They'll say, 'We care about each other,'" Widmer said. "They encourage their friends to be successful. It helps them behave properly to be on target with these base groups."

"The common campus approach was modeled after a similar school in Montclair, N.J. Highmeadow has evolved into its own niche, according to Colliton.

She gives credit to those teach-

ers and parents who've made the program successful.

"Although there is a lot of risk-taking," Colliton said, "it's comfortable to know we can't fail because you have so much support around you."

Highmeadow boasts high parental involvement.

That could be seen Thursday with the parent turnout at an assembly honoring the PTA Reflections winners. Their commitment goes beyond that.

Parents are invited to help in the classroom where they do everything from clerical work to help put up displays in the hallway.

Lynda Mokris of Farmington Hills volunteers at the school four to five times a week. Her son, Drew, is in fourth grade.

"The kids have so much fun, yet they learn," Mokris said. "It's not like when I went to school."

"The things they teach these kids to do are more practical for the real world. Instead of just feeding them information, they are doing things that are hands-on."

The goal now is to get a hand on nation exemplary school honors. Elementary and secondary schools take turns each year entering.

Said Colliton, "We're hoping to be like North Farmington and go all the way."



Happy at Highmeadow: Highmeadow PTA president Robin Shanaman holds the microphone as fifth-grader Sarah Stewart reads her literary award winner in front of a school assembly. Other literary winners are (from left) Michelle Raucci, Caroline Coleman and Julia Power.

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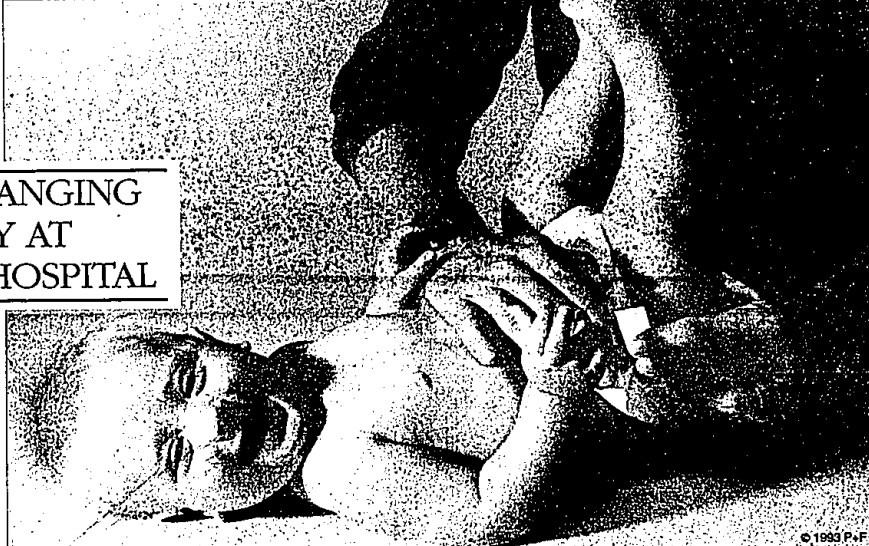
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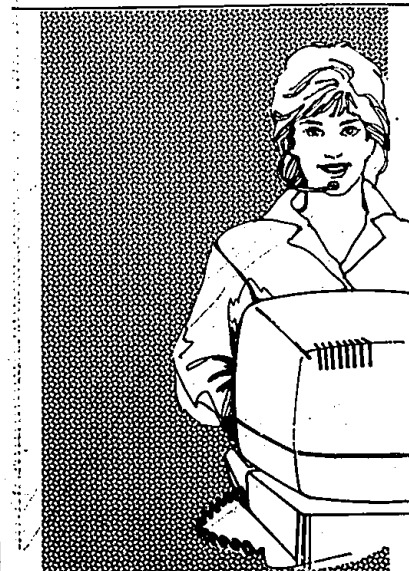
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