## **Games Mean Learning** For Disabled Kids

Twenty children bouncing one at a time on a trampoline doesn't sound like a demonstration in learning.

But it is a demonstration in learning when these are children with learning disabil-ities, children with gross motor problems, difficulty in body awareness, difficulty in directionality.

trectionality.

These children bounced on a trampoline to show they can learn at a meeting sponsored last week in Ten Mile School by Farmington Chapter Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD) and Farmington schools departments

of special education and physical education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION experts from as far away as Hazel Park and Pontiac watched James Glasgow, physical education instructor at Glen Garda School, Windorsor, put the youngsters through their paces. Glen Garda is a school for retarded children. Glasgow comes to Farmington once a week to work with the 20 children who were at the MACID meeting. They are the

AS ANOTHER MACLD guest, Dr. George Barahal of

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Wayne State University explained, these are children who are hyper-active, restless, inattentive.

When learning to read they confuse "p" and "q", "" and "m." They may read from right to left and cannot make sense out of the printed word.

They have no number concepts and don't know the difference between large and small, over and under, up and down. They have problems in laterality, are consulting over left and right.

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His disciplined approach was apparent in the child din't meve. If he said, "Mount," the child gith on the trampoline.

Once on, the child din't respond to verbal commands, but followed a written chart giving him directions for mothers in giving him directions for giving him directions for giving him directions for mothers in giving him directions for giving him directions for giving him directions for giving him directions for mothers in giving him directions for mothers in giving him directions for the current school year. Heading the group is Richard Proyon between the directions for the current school year. Heading the group is Richard Proyon is Richard with the giving him directions for the current school year. Heading the group is Richard Proyon between the directions for the current school year. Heading



PERCEPTUAL—James Glasgow, physical education instructor at Glen PERCEPTUAL—James Glasgow, physical education instructor at queri Garda School, Windsor, who was a guest of Farmington Chapter Michigan As-sociation for Children with Learning Disabilities last week in Ten Mile School, demonstrates a visual aid he has devised to Carleen Thomas, special education teacher at Forest School. The aid is called a light translator and helps disability children with color recognition and letter and number concept. (Evert photo)

## **Pony Dies** In Traffic Accident

FARMINGTON

A young pony was killed as the result of a "fluke" acci-dent here, according to Far-mington Township Police.

mington Township Police.
Officers said Thaddeus
Kopacki of 39539 13 Mile,
Walled Lake, was driving
along Haggerty Road between 10 Mile and Grand
River near Industrial Park
when one of the ponies from
a farm near there ran out
into the street.

Owner Carl Mazurk, of 2989 Fairfax, Southfield, was con-tacted and the pony died a short time later.

Police said Kopacki's car suffered little damage.



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## **Power Teams Enjoy Victory**

By CLAUDIA COOK

Power Junior High School, in its third year of existence, is off to a fine start.

THE STUDENT BODY at

THE STUDENT BUDY at Power, under the leadership of the student council, has accomplished several projects and is involved in many extracurricular activities.

To be eligible for the student council, a student must

To be eligible for the student council, a student must be passing 60 percent of his classes and must maintain good citizenship. Elections are held at the beginning of the year with officers elected by the entire student body and representatives from cach homeroom.

One of the major projects undertaken has been the land-scaping of the school grounds. We were aided by flushert Garner, who donated states at PRWT include EXTRACUBLUCULAR activities at PRWT include school parties, athletics for both boys and girls, cheerleading and a coin cub. Our athletic teams have been successful, with the cross-country team winning he junior high championship for the second straight year. They have been successful in student participation also, with 50 percent of the eighth grade boys out for football. There are new changes in the curriculum at Power. A tutorial pragram has been set up this year whereby stadents may seek help in understanding subjects in which they are having difficulty. An Oakland County Schools project is being tested in the ninth grade general math classes. Bloology and world History are now open to alinth grade students as elective courses.

ior High School are inviting the public to their vocal and instrumental concert on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m.



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