Students write to soldiers in the Middle East

They're overseas, but not forgot-

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Students at East Middle School in
Farmington Hills have taken a personal interest in the Persian Guil
crists by writing letters to U.S.
cricemen and servicewomen allederoduly during the past several weeks.
Of the approximately 59 soliders
to whom students have written, six
have responded, delighting the recipients.

Your letter brightened my day."

THE PROJECT is the students' way of reaching out to soldiers sent to the Middle East following the August Invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. It has been a learning experience, said reading specialists use Vestre. "Many (students) have never writen or received a letter before," Vestre said. "It has given them a reason to write."

Vestre got the idea after reading in the newspaper that many soldiers in Saudi Arabia were receiving no mail. She decided to make a project of it.

"I was surprised," said Jeremy
VanMeter, a seventh grader who
beard from a 28-year-old sergeant
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> 28-year-old female soldier in response to a student's letter

their way, and he appeared pleased with his newfound friend. "I didn't think they'd write back," he added. "I didn't think anybody would read it."

Vestre said students have not only learned about writing letters, but about Saudi culture and religious customs through the letters they

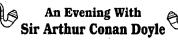
have received. It has opened a new world to them.
"The kids are really excited about it," added principal Bill Martin. "It's turned them on.
"You can read it out of a textbook and it means nothing, but because he co soldies) took the time to write it, it really means something."



East Middle School seventh grader Jeremy VanMeter holds the letter he received from an American soldier in Saudi Ara-bia. He sold he was surprised to hear from a female soldier.



Randy Ankawi, an East Middle School eighth grader, tooks at the letter he received from a U.S. soldier in Saudia Arabia, as seventh grader Christina Boone looks over his shoulder.



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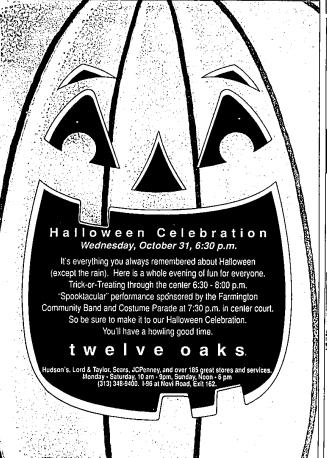
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