

Warner

from page A1

curriculum is for students to take part in a civic service project.

"The kids were really happy with how it turned out," Gray said. She added that students wore period clothing and read scripts about various Warner Mansion rooms and artifacts, all culled during project research.

Gray said students, as they prepared for the event, were instructed to speak slowly and clearly, and to point to objects that were referred to in their scripts.

Following are just a few of the facts the students presented:

■ Fred Warner added on to the mansion in 1890. But the governor's oldest daughter (Edessa Slocom) remodeled the kitchen in 1946 when she moved into the house. The kitchen still looks the way it did then.

■ The table, chairs and sideboard in the dining room were all designed by George Eastlake, an English designer from the late 1800s.

■ The player piano in the music room was purchased by the Warner family in 1911, when the governor left office.

■ Next to the fireplace in the parlor is a blue upholstered chair with one arm missing. According to the script, that missing arm allowed enough room for long, flowing gowns and full-skirted dresses to be pushed away from the fire.

One of the mansion's longtime adult docents, Dick Carvell, said he was amazed to see three girls reading their scripts "like a church reading, all in unison."

Carvell, who is a member of



STAFF PHOTO BY RHIAN LEMMETT

Good times: Old fashioned games were played on the lawn and on the porch. Debra Atkinson, parent of third grader Jake (who presented) and kindergartner Brent, took her turn.

■ The docent's program gives students a different perspective on history.

the Farmington Historical Commission and Gov. Warner Mansion Committee, applauded the effort of the students and said the program, organized by the Hillside PTA, could potentially increase public awareness of the mansion.

"It's to give them a different aspect on local history," Carvell said. "... But, from our standpoint, it's a good way for us to

get involved with the schools, which we're trying to do more."

Gray said the program proved to be an eye-opener, not just for students, but for their friends and family members who came out on a very hot and humid day.

"A lot of people just haven't taken the time to go in and see what it's really like," Gray said. "I think people were surprised there was so much in there."

Besides students' readings, she said highlights included refreshments on the gazebo, dancing on the Warner Mansion front lawn and old-fashioned games on the porch, such as jacks and marbles.



Touring: From right to left is third-grade teacher Debra Badrak's family: Brian Badrak, Caitlin Badrak, Mary Ellen George and Jim George, who are touring the dining room in the Warner Mansion during the docent's tour Sunday. The docent's program was organized by the Hillside PTA.

LOWE'S ROOM CLEARANCE
SAVE UP TO 50% ON DESIGNER AND BUDGET FASHION
England, Oakland, Seaside, Portland, Lake Oswego, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, Wilsonville, Yacolt, and other locations.
Twelve Oaks, Summit Place and Solaire.

IT'S OUR INSURCTIONS, YOUR BEST SELECTION
IT'S FROM HUDSON'S
hudsons.com

Call Bryant to the rescue

Spring HEATING & COOLING SPECIALS FROM KAST!

FREE ESTIMATES

- 10 S.E.E.R.
- Top Rated
- Quality Construction
- Five Year Parts/Labor
- 80% Efficient
- A/C Prepped
- Electronic Ignition
- Multi-Speed Blower
- Five Year Parts/Labor

FROM \$1,595.00 FROM \$1,595.00

COUPON
Receive one FREE with the purchase of an Air conditioner 6 months same as cash. FREE interruptible service or no-fee digital thermostat. EXPIRES MAY 31, 2000

Ask About Our Maintenance Plan

COUPON
Air conditioner or furnace Clean & Check Complete Inspection \$79.95 EXPIRES MAY 31, 2000

KAST Heating & Cooling
A Blue Dot Service Co. A/C • Heating • Plumbing • and more

PONTIAC 248-338-6666
BLOOMFIELD 248-338-6666
ROYAL OAK 248-542-3850

We Love our new windows!™

Call today and start loving your new windows from Renewal by Andersen!

Delighted customers often write to say how much they love their new replacement windows. Our high customer satisfaction rating reflects the legacy of quality, innovation, and reliability established by Andersen Corporation nearly 100 years ago. Don't wait another day to make your home more beautiful, comfortable, and energy efficient. Call today!

- Window frames are made of Fibrex® material, combining the strength and stability of wood with the low maintenance of vinyl.
- All Renewal by Andersen windows carry the ENERGY STAR® label.
- Choose from a variety of color options, window styles, and patio doors.
- Double-hung windows tilt in for easy cleaning.
- Installed by Renewal by Andersen professionals.
- Windows and installation are covered by the Renewal by Andersen Limited Warranty. Ask for complete details.

To arrange for a free in-home estimate, call us today!
888-537-3639
3714 Six Mile Road, Livonia
Just east of Laurel Park Place

You'll love this offer!
\$50 off per window

renewal BY ANDERSEN
Window replacement from a company you can trust™
www.renewalbyandersen.com