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The 1990-91 school year has come to a close and hopefully it has been a successful learning year for both teachers and students. This issue of the **Michigan Reading Journal** highlights some programs and activities that have made a difference.

Dr. Jo Ann Stebbins and Mrs. Mary Vlieg have shared information on the Reading Recovery Program that is providing early intervention for students at Pleasantview Elementary School in the Hastings Area School System. The program has generated enthusiasm at all levels -- from parents to students to staff! A special thanks to Dr. Jim Burns of Western Michigan University for allowing the **MR Journal** to reprint his article on Reading Recovery. This program is particularly relevant as the developer, Marie Clay, was a keynote speaker at this year's MRA Annual Conference.

Pamela Gray-Scherer has written an article that shows her own growth and how that directly relates to the learning of students in her classroom. The changes she has made in her teaching methods have made a difference in student involvement and achievement.

The **Survey of Information Levels** article by Gwenolyn Jones offers insight for future educator inservice. How would your district respond to the survey questions? Gwenolyn has been involved in Reading/Writing inservice

in the Genesee Intermediate School District as well as at the State level.

I would like to offer my personal thanks to Annena McCleskey and the MRA Conference Committee for the great conference held in Grand Rapids in March. Many long hours were given to provide Michigan educators the opportunity to grow professionally through attendance at this three day conference.

Don't forget -- the MRA Summer Literature Conference scheduled for Sunday, July 28 - Tuesday, July 30, at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel. If you need additional information or have questions about MRA, please contact the MRA Office at 616-361-2232.

Have a restful and pleasant summer vacation!



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