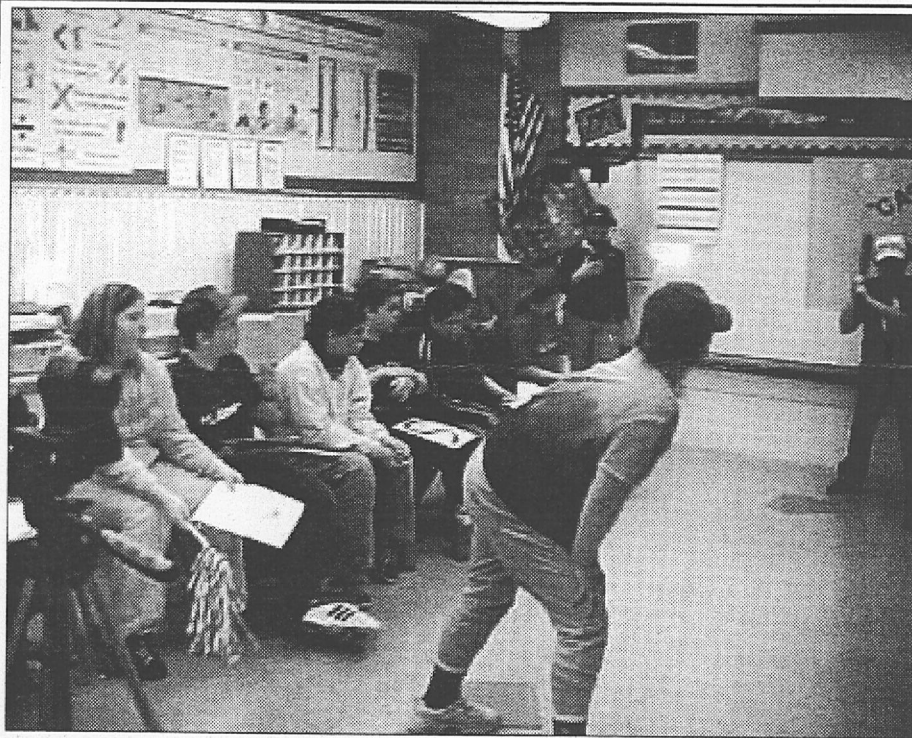


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### *Besser classroom skit goes all the way to Ohio!*

When promoters first envisioned the "Read Across America" program, they thought about every child in America being read to during "March Is Reading Month." But with the adaptability of technology, a lot of classrooms are going one better. In Lori Tucker's class at Besser School, for example, students linked up with peers in a classroom at Fremont Stamm Elementary School in Fremont, Ohio. They not only shared facts about the Alpena community, they shared their love of a favorite story, *Casey at Bat*, and also presented a skit based on the tale. Media specialist Karen Tetzlaff said the kids had a great time virtually "visiting" the Ohio students and learning about their favorite books and the interesting features of their community. The Alpena, Michigan-Fremont, Ohio partnership was established through the TWICE organization – Two Way Interactive Connections in Education.