

## **School Gets Grant for MicroSociety Program**

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NEW BRITAIN – Vance Village School has received a \$10,000 grant from Ronald McDonald house Charities (RMHC) of Connecticut and West Massachusetts to support the school's MicroSociety program through 2004.

“A few years ago, \$22,000 RMHC grant helped purchase several computers for the MicroSociety Program which gives children the opportunity to learn basic life skills and apply them to real world experiences,” said Barbara Santacroce, a member of the RMHC board of directors and owner of AJS Enterprises. “RMHC is proud to continue the partnership and help sustain the MicroSociety Program.”

By integrating learning skills with real life experiences in a miniature society with the school, the program aims to improve academic achievement, develop citizenship skills and provide career education.

The MicroSociety program includes a government, bank, tax bureau, post office, law enforcement agency and business ventures including a restaurant run by second-graders.