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By Stacey Babin

Reporter

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int out that only God is good. 'All of us are sinners," Bane says. Hospitalized children find

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trict. HISD also has a reciprocal agreement with other districts.

"At one time or another we have

"When you come into a child's room with the schoolbooks, and pencils and crayons that they are familiar with, it is very reassuring."

- Carmen Lepere, hospital teacher

children, LePere said she must tailor the class periods to the child's capabilities on a day-to-day basis.

Headed by Francis Jackson, director of HISD's community services department, the program serves programs.

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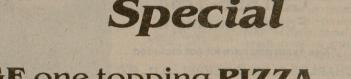
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had students from every state and foreign counties," Jackson said.

If a child is confined in a hospital within the district where no teacher is assigned, a homebound teacher will be assigned to the child, Jackson said

The homebound program includes children with long-term physical illnesses who may never be in a regular classroom, as well as children who have a one-time illness or injury and will be going back to school within a period of weeks. The hospital-bound and home-

bound programs serve about 1,700 students per year. Although they are geared for a nine-month school year, special arrangements are made for students who are in year-round



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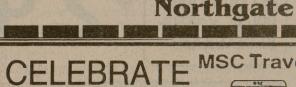
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