

GROVE ROTARY DONATES DICTIONARIES TO THIRD-GRADERS

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About 350 dictionaries will be donated by Grove Rotary to third-graders in the area, helping give them an appreciation for words and reading that could last a lifetime. The first delivery of about 180 books went to third-grade classes in Grove Lower Elementary School on Monday, September 17. Others will follow in the coming days for Jay, Oaks Mission, Kenwood and Cleora.



Grove Lower Elementary School Principal Kelly Trumbull, third from left, greets Grove Rotarians who delivered about 180 dictionaries to the school's third-graders on Monday, September 17. From left are Rotarians Ron Leffler, Norm Carnett, Carol Fortner, Doug Smith, Tim Johnson, and Amelia Chamberlain. Grove Rotary also will donate dictionaries to third-graders in Jay, Oaks, Kenwood and Cleora.

The dictionary project is coordinated by Rotarian Tim Johnson, who says he gets a lot of satisfaction “seeing the kids’ eyes light up” when they receive the donated dictionaries.

“For some kids, this may be the very first book they have ever owned, and we at Grove Rotary are delighted to be part of that excitement,” Johnson said.

One child responded to receiving his dictionary this way: “This is the most awesome thing that’s ever happened to me!”



Rotarians Carol Fortner and Doug Smith share tips on how to use a dictionary after Grove Rotary distributed about 180 of the books to Grove third-graders on Monday, September 17. Free dictionaries also will be delivered to third-graders in Jay, Oaks Mission, Kenwood and Cleora this year.

The dictionary project has been a popular community service activity among Rotarians. The Rotarians not only delivered the dictionaries, but also shared some tips on how to use them, what kinds of facts are in them, and how much fun it can be to look up information. After asking the students to write their name in the front of their book, the Rotarians then led them in a word search, to show the usefulness of dictionaries.

Dictionaries have much more than just definitions of words, the Rotarians noted, pointing to maps, state information, and more. Some students quickly found the section on sign language and, with the help of the Rotarians, began signing words together.

“It’s hard to know who gets the greatest kick out of this project, the kids or the Rotarians,” Johnson said. Grove Rotary has provided the books for several years as part of its commitment to service and education.

The organization, which has more than 150 members in the Grove club, is dedicated to the principle of “Service Above Self” and helps address numerous community needs. Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional people who are working to eradicate polio, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.