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District 102's Third Grade Dictionary Project

To District 102 Third Grade Parents,

Your child is bringing home a dictionary today donated to the Third Graders of District 102 as part of **The Dictionary Project**. The Dictionary Project (www.dictionaryproject.org) is a non-profit organization that offers discounted dictionaries to groups that raise money through sponsors and private donations to make the dictionaries available to the group's chosen school or district. **Thank you to the LaGrange Rotary** for graciously sponsoring this year's Dictionary Project for District 102.

The Dictionary Project is designed to aid third grade teachers in their goal to see all of their students become good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers. The purpose is to provide third grade students in the community with their own personal dictionary. The dictionary is for each third grader to keep, so they can take it with them into the fourth grade and use throughout their school careers.

A dictionary is an essential tool for a quality education. Its usefulness goes beyond the spellings, pronunciations, and definitions it lists. It is a problem-solving tool that enhances a child's development in reading, writing, and creative thinking. Students benefit from an increased self-reliance and resourcefulness inspired by the maxim "look it up".

**We hope your child enjoys the use of his or her very own
dictionary for years to come.**

*Please encourage your child to write his or her first and last name in this dictionary so it
may be returned if lost.*