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Arlington Kiwanis dictionary donation helps strengthen student reading

ARLINGTON- The Arlington Kiwanis Club – in conjunction with the non-profit “The Dictionary Project” and Friends of the Arlington Library – recently donated dictionaries to third graders in the Arlington, Darrington and Lakewood School Districts.

“Our third graders love receiving these dictionaries and they’re really useful for our reading,” said Eagle Creek Elementary Third Grade Teacher, Amy Jo Irwin. “In third grade, we’re using the Collect, Interpret, Apply (CIA) Approach to reading. They use the dictionaries daily to look up words. By the end of third grade, they’re well used!”

The third graders look forward to receiving these dictionaries since their older siblings also received dictionaries when they were in third grade. Arlington Kiwanis donated between 600-700 dictionaries to third graders in the three districts. Arlington Kiwanis has been donating dictionaries to local students for 18 years.

"The dictionaries are used specifically for student CIA vocabulary handbooks, as well as to support their own writing throughout the year," said Eagle Creek Elementary Assistant Principal, Ryan Barci. "The CIA approach is heavy into novel reading and the dictionaries help with that reading. We really appreciate this donation from Arlington Kiwanis."

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Eagle Creek Elementary third graders wait to receive dictionaries from members of Arlington Kiwanis. This is the 18th year the service group has donated dictionaries to third graders in the Arlington, Darrington and Lakewood School Districts.