

Rotary presents dictionaries

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McCook Rotary President Cathy McDowell helps McCook Elementary students Addysn Snyder and Kaiden Porter look up the words "Humanitarian" and "Beneficial" in their new dictionaries. (McCook Gazette)

McCOOK, Neb. -- The McCook Rotary Club presented dictionaries to third grade students at McCook Elementary, St. Patrick's Catholic School, Victory Christian Academy, and Southwest Elementary School. The dictionaries are for school or at home.

The books were hand-picked to fit the needs of young students learning to read and write.

The volume has larger print, full-color pictures, and contains most words that third-graders use. The third grade was targeted because this is the age when children are beginning to learn the importance of words in their speech and in their writing.

Having a dictionary of their own gives them "word power" to write essays in later years, to read a book and understand it, and to function in the business world when they grow up.

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