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Free dictionaries for third-graders will be helpful

The dictionary is among the most powerful tools for teaching our language. Unfortunately, this book -- indispensable to literacy in society -- is highly under-used, not only by our young people, but also by the general population. Thus, the project of local Kiwanis clubs in providing free dictionaries to third-graders is laudable.

The idea began as a nice gesture in 1992 when a woman in Savannah, Ga., collected 50 dictionaries and donated them to students at a nearby elementary school. Three years later it mushroomed into a nonprofit program called The Dictionary Project. Since then, hundreds of service organizations like Kiwanis throughout the United States have raised money to give dictionaries to millions of students.

The Dawson County Kiwanis Club will be making available dictionaries all county school third graders as one of our 2008 club projects.

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