

The Sara Ingrassia- Jackie Confer Dictionary Fund

is named for two former Rockford School Board members. Sara Ingrassia was also a teacher who instilled a love of reading and writing in students from the elementary grades through college. It was Jackie Confer who proposed creating The Dictionary Fund in Rockford and who suggested it be named in memory of Sara Ingrassia. When Jackie Confer died in late 2003, the Fund was renamed to include both Sara and Jackie's names.

The Fund

is maintained by grants and donations from foundations, corporations, service clubs, PTOs, and from many, many individuals. A donor's name appears inside the front cover of each book. Contributions should be mailed to:

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PO Box 4154
Rockford IL 61110



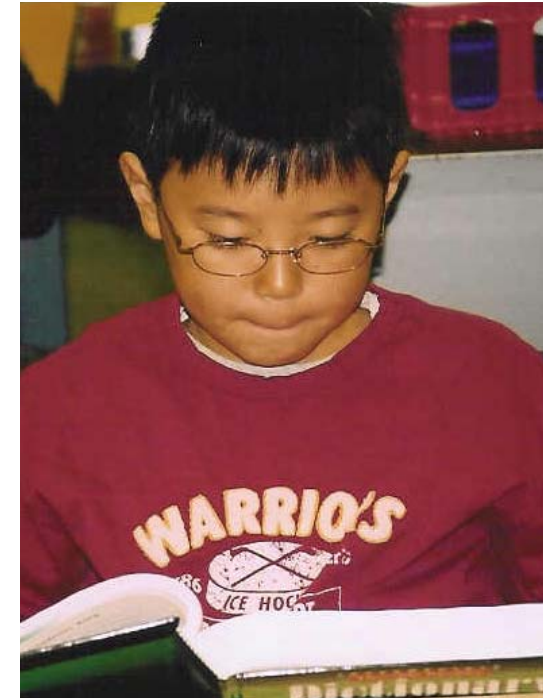
The Mustard Seed Symbol.

The Sara Ingrassia-Jackie Confer Dictionary Fund distributed the first dictionaries to Rockford Public School third-grade students in 1997. Many of those young people are still using their dictionaries. Just as the tiniest mustard seed grows into a very large bushy plant, each year third graders receive tiny seeds of information within the pages of a large dictionary, and each year their knowledge grows. So, too, the number of total dictionaries distributed by The Dictionary Fund multiplies.

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Dictionaries are given to Rockford Public School third grade students each year on Dictionary Day in October. The dictionary is theirs to explore, refer to, learn from, and keep forever.

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The dictionary provides our third-graders with a lifelong learning tool illustrated with exciting full-color photographs and a world of useful information. In some instances, this is the first hard-cover book a student will own. All students delight in the pride of ownership as they write their names on the inside front cover and experience the joy of discovery each time they open the book to a new page.

