

Classroom Visit Points: (okay to deviate)

Approximate Time: 20 to 30 minutes

Before addressing the class, ask the teacher if you can have a list of the students' names for use in the classroom.

Introduce yourself. Explain that you are visiting their school to give each student their own personal dictionary as a gift from your Rotary Club.

Distribute the dictionaries. It is recommended that you call up each student (and Teacher) to receive their gift from Rotary. You can shake hands with the child, sometimes a lesson on shaking hands can be fun and a good ice breaker.

Tell the students to put their name, their first and last name, in the dictionary so that if they lose it, it can be returned. A sharpie or Pen works best

Ask if anyone has ever heard of Rotary, and if a student has, ask him or her to talk about it, and then define what Rotary is and talk briefly about the organization. Try to engage the students as much as possible, because they want to contribute to the conversation. It is not unusual that in some classrooms the students won't have anything to say.

Ask why people use dictionaries. Then emphasize that in the business world it is important to spell words correctly. A command of the English language makes you more effective in your work. You may have your own personal experience that you want to share

Look up at least one word, but not more than three words. (Possible words: respect, courteous, compassion, character, honor, integrity or inspire) Or ask the students if they have a word they would like to look up.

Review the contents in the dictionary, Biographies of the Presidents, US States, The Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, The Solar System, Braille, Sign Language and information on all the Countries. The kids really get excited about page 364 5 BIG Words and the longest word in the back of the book, I would suggest saving that for last.

Suggestion: at the end of your visit, have all the students read out loud, along with you The 4 Way Test.

Take a class photo with the dictionaries and forward to the District web master:

Have fun and interact with the students.

This is a Rotary Make-up: Please report your volunteer names to your Rotary club office.