



Words for Words for Thirds Participant Leaders

"If you have a big enough dictionary, just about everything is a word."

—Dave Barry

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Welcome to Words for Thirds News!

Welcome to the MSG newsletter for Granges who are either participating in or interested in the Words for Thirds Program. Don't panic! We won't bombard you with emails. Once our resource pages are set up, we'll just share updates and occasional news. If you think you're on this list by mistake, please let me know!

Where we stand...

We currently have 13 Granges (out of 79 total in Maine) on our list. That's a pretty impressive 16.5%! I'm convinced we can and should do better. So many people benefit from this program--including the Grange! I'm organizing a resource section on our MSG website. Many thanks go to Mary French, director of the Dictionary Project, for her help and support. I hope to have the resource section available on the site by December 1, 2024.

Examples of resources

We already have a logo! It's designed to be used on social media and in email and can be customized with your Grange Name. If you just can't wait, let me know and I'll put one together for you.

Additional Ideas that are either finished or in the works:

- A startup guide for a new project
- Label templates you can use in the dictionaries.
- Fundraising ideas courtesy of the Dictionary Project.
- Sample media advisories and press releases.
- Sample parent letters for the kids to take home.

Let's make it easy!

Understand that these resources are all about making your program more effective, not harder! You may not use everything that's available--that's okay! But this is a powerful program, and by working together, we can unleash that power! An important question is, **"What do you need?"** [Send me an email](#) and let me know!

Participating and interested Granges

This list may not be complete, but it's what we're relatively certain of!

1. Androscoggin Grange #8*
2. Chelsea Grange #215
3. East Madison Grange #228
4. Evening Star Grange #183*
5. Farmington Grange #12
6. Hollis Grange #132
7. Maple Grove Grange #148
8. Mill Stream Grange # 574
9. Ocean View Grange #463
10. Old Town/Riverside Grange #273
11. Valley Grange #144

- 12. Waterford Grange #479
- 13. White Rock Grange #380*

* Interested!

Sample Logo

This is an example of the new logo that can be customized with your Grange name. If you'd like a copy, let me know! I should be able to get it to you in a day or two at the most!



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Granges working with the Dictionary Project to provide dictionaries to individual third graders.

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