

Dictionary Rap

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Narrator

We've got two minutes, so we gotta get goin'
To tell you the story of our friend Noah.

Not Noah with the animals two by two,
But Noah with dictionary, the man who

Thought the people should know how to spell
And even today, we think so, as well.

Noah

We called teachers and kids, said. "What do
you need?"
They called back, said "Teach us to read."

"How to pronounce the words we have seen
How to spell 'em, and what they mean."

So, we said "You need a dictionary"
"We'll teach you to use it. It's not too scary."

*You can find neat words. Let's try "team"
That's a word that rhymes with "ice cream."*

*A team is us, when we work together,
It's also dogs with a sled in the coldest of
weather.*

*They're in Alaska. That's in our book, too.
Alaska is on page 4-1-2.*

*Alaska is our biggest state.
And we can find the facts that make it great.*

*Let's try another word. Let's try "succeed".
Know this word and you're guaranteed*

*To lead the class in what you do best.
(You'll also do well on your spelling test.)*

There's sign language, Presidents, the
Constitution.
Yes, this dictionary. That's the solution.

Third grade dictionaries – an inexpensive tool
To help our kids succeed in schools.

For just one hundred and fifty dollars,
You can help a school produce the scholars.

That's our cost for a school's third grade.
So won't you help us in our crusade?

To bring each child a book to carry;
Their own, very personal dictionary.

(everyone on the last line)

Everyone is snapping fingers or clapping to
the beat through the beginning and the end.
During the middle part (in italics) three
people continue to clap and the others are
looking in their dictionaries and pointing stuff
out to one another.