

Dear Parents,

Schools are responsible for teaching your child/children. But a school cannot do its job if your child/children is absent. Learning builds daily. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. Your child/children can copy notes or make up an assignment but he/she can never get back what is most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations given by the teacher, and the thinking that makes learning come alive.

Here are a few tips that you might find helpful that could improve your child's school attendance.

- Talk with your child/children as to why it is important to be in school daily.
- Avoid scheduling family trips during school hours.
- Talk to your child/children about his/her school day.
- Support the school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
- Be a role model. If children see their parents taking off work for no real reason, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.

Your child's/children's success in school depends on having a solid educational background----one that can be gained through regular school attendance.

I will be in my room Monday, April 7, 2014, from 6:15 until 6:45 PM. If you have any concerns or suggestions as to how I may better serve your child more productively, please come to see me. (This is also PTT night.) I can also be reached by phone during the school day if that is more convenient.

Also remember there are suggestive Web Sites listed under Clover Garden School Title I.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Donna Johnson