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Dear Parents,

Attendance is still a priority, even though it is getting near the end of this school year. If your child is missing too many days, you will find that he/she may start to struggle with the daily assignments. If you are having trouble getting out the door each morning because of not being able to get it all together, try organizing school supplies ahead of time. Mornings are too rushed to sign permission slips, fill out forms and review school work. Do these tasks in the evening. Any preparation that can be done the night before will really help.

Sometimes our children think that because there's only one correct answer to a math problem, there's only one way to come up with the correct answer. In fact, there may be many ways to get the correct answer. In the Title I math class, I try to get the students to think about how they solve problems hoping to make them better mathematicians. I stress Mental Math. Calculators and computers are great, but the students need to learn to estimate in their heads in order to determine if the answer is reasonable. Here are some suggestions you might find helpful.

- Ask your child to give you quick answers to small math problems.
- Teach your child to estimate an answer.
- Ask often if he/she thinks the answer is a reasonable one.
- Ask your child for help at the grocery store.

Clover Garden has purchased the rights to Study Island, an excellent program to help prepare your child for NC State Testing. It is a review for math as well as language arts. If you have not tried this program, please do. If you need help with the website, call the school. There is someone here who can help you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Donna Johnson