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Dear Parents,

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time will do better on state testing. Being late for school hurts a child's learning. A student who is late ten minutes every day will miss about thirty hours of instruction during the school year. Yes, the student can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can not be there for discussion, questions or explanations. Learning builds daily. A student who misses class time misses the opportunity to learn.

Here are some helpful hints that might improve a student's school attendance.

- Talk with your child about why it is important to go to school regularly.
- Try to avoid scheduling family trips during school hours.
- Help your child to stay as healthy as possible by providing nutritious food. Encourage your child to get enough sleep .
- Do not accept excuses for why your child must be late or miss the school day entirely.
- Support school rules and consequences for being tardy.
- Show your child why education is important. Give specific examples of how education helps people to succeed.
- Lead by example. If your child sees you taking off work for no real reason, he/she may expect to be able to do the same thing.

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