

Dear Parents,

We all understand the important role parents play in helping their child complete their homework. Yet for the minority of parents today, helping is easier said than done. According to surveys that I have read, it seems that nearly 50% of parents struggle to help their child with homework. Lots of times, we as parents say we do not understand the subject matter. Some parents often give the excuse as to not have enough time to help. Also parents will say that their child does not want their assistance. So, as a parent what are we suppose to do when met with one or more of these challenges? Use time in the car with your child, or other pockets of time, to squeeze in a little more learning. Your child can not write an essay in the car --- but conversation can take place about what will be written.

- Set priorities by deciding what is most important to you. Then consciously decide how to spend the time with your child.
- Spend one-on-one time. Kids need both quality and quantity time with you. There is nothing like spending time alone with a parent to make a child feel special.

I will be in my room Monday, December 2, 2013, 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. Exchanging information between parent and teacher often makes for a great school year.

Also remember there are suggestive Web Sites listed under Clover Garden School Title 1.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Donna Johnson