

Dear Parents,

Over time, our students become respectful, not just because it is right, but because they understand how others feel. They realize it feels good to be asked politely, thanked, and treated nicely. But remember they are not adults so they need parents' help. Talk to your child/children about other peoples' thoughts and feelings. These conversations can make a big difference in your relationships with your child/children. Discussions about feelings can have long term benefits. Be a positive role model yourself. When talking about other peoples' emotions, use a warm tone. Keep in mind that in addition to discussing real-life emotions, it helps to address how characters in books, movies, and TV shows might be feeling.

In today's families, it takes everyone to pitch in and help. While your children are helping out, they can also learn some important lessons about responsibility. So to make chores more effective, set a time when everyone can do them together. Things will get done a lot faster, and you can make it fun. Teach your children to always finish the chore they have started. That means everything about that particular job has to be completed. This skill can carry over into to school----a report isn't finished until it is neatly written with no mistakes.

I will be in my room Monday, February 3, 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. 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 I.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Donna Johnson