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Dear Parents,

Sometimes our children do well in math until they have word problems to solve. Then they just freeze up. Tell them to relax. Word problems are still just math problems. Here are some suggestions that might help in solving the word problems.

- The first thing to do is to have your child state exactly what the problem is asking. It is often hidden in a story and may require multiple steps. Hint: This is often the last sentence of the problem.
- Have your child to write down the information needed to solve the problem. A word problem will give all the information needed to answer the question. Also, it may include some extra information.
- Work with your child to develop a plan to solve the problem. It may take one step or several. It may require the use of a diagram or table to solve the problem.
- Have your child solve the problem. Make sure to check the plan so no steps are left out.
- Now have your child to check his/her work. Ask if the problem was answered completely. Have the problem read again to see if the answer makes sense. Make sure the calculations do not have a simple error.

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