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Dear Parents,

It is important that we help our children to become prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is necessary that the basic skills of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing are mastered by our children. Encourage your child/children to complete all homework. Get involved in helping your child to improve his/her math skills. Math is built on previous knowledge so review and practice daily. Do “Mental Math” with your child/children. You can do this exercise as you ride in the car. Ask questions such as:

- How many minutes are in an hour?
- How many feet are in a mile?
- Which months of the year have 31 days?
- What time will it be in two hours if it is 11:AM?
- How much money would you have if you had two quarters, three dimes, four nickels, and one penny?
- How many ounces are in one pound?

I am sure you can think of many more questions of this type to ask.

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.

Sincerely,

Donna Johnson