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Dear Parents,

Advanced thinking skills will help your child in school and life. When your child is building critical thinking skills, she/he will be able to analyze, critique, and evaluate information that is read or heard. Give your child some practice by asking such questions as

- **What do you think will happen next?**
- **Why did the story end the way it did?**
- **What do you think was the author's purpose for writing the story?**
- **What is the setting of the story and does it remind you of a place you have been?**

There is a lot of great fiction for readers to enjoy. But reading for information will become more and more important as your child progresses in school. To help your child get facts share news articles about his/her interest. Browse the internet for more information on a subject of his/her choice. Add nonfiction to the reading list when choosing a book.

I will be in my room Monday, May 2, 2016, from 6:00 PM until 6:30 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.

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