

May, 2017

Dear Parents,

Sometimes our children think that because there's only one correct answer to a math problem, there's only one way to come up with the correct answer. In fact, there may be many ways to get the correct answer. In the Title I math class, I try to get the students to think about how they solve problems. My hope is to make them better mathematicians. I stress Mental Math weekly. Students need to learn to estimate in their heads in order to determine if the answer is reasonable. Here are some suggestions you might find helpful.

- Ask your child to give you quick answers to small math problems.
- Teach your child to estimate an answer.
- Ask often if he/she thinks the answer is a reasonable one.
- Ask your child for help at the grocery store.
- Ask your child for help when dining out or stopping at a fast food place to determine the amount of the bill.

Math is built on previous knowledge. Review and practice. Practicing math skills daily provides a way to improve. Remember that Clover Garden purchased the rights to Study Island, an excellent program to help prepare your child for NC State Testing. If you have not visited this site, give it a try.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Donna Johnson