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Dear Parents,

The beginning of a new school year is a time to help your child to get started off on the right foot. Here are some suggestions that you might find useful:

- Embrace routines. Whether it is a set of homework time or regular weeknight family dinners, regular routines help ease the transition back to school.
- Enforce bedtime. It can be hard to go to bed earlier, especially after staying up late during the summer. Your child will not be at his/her best in class if sleep is needed.
- Outline expectations. Let your child know that you expect the responsibility for education is his/hers. Let it be known that you will support him/her.
- Be supportive. School might be intimidating at times for your child. Remind him/her that you believe in him/her and you are on his/hers side.
- Back off. Your child is no longer a baby----so do not treat him/her like one. Respect the fact that your child is growing up. Give him/her some space.(This is hard to do as a parent.)

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.

If you have any concerns or suggestions as to how I can better serve your child more productively, please come to see me. I can also be reached by phone during the school day if that is more convenient. My goal is to help your child be successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Donna Johnson