Dear Parents,

You know that reading is important to your child/children. However, reading new books with too many new words can cause your child/children to become easily frustrated. They may even decide reading is not worth it. Encourage your child/children to try the "five word" rule when choosing a book. If three to five words per page are unfamiliar to your child/children, try reading the book together. This may keep your child/children from becoming frustrated and at the same time expose them to good oral reading.

Reading is the foundation for success in school. The ability to read is necessary to be successful in any subject being taught. You want your child/children to succeed, so give encouragement and support daily. Encourage your child/children to read daily. Research shows that students who spend at least thirty minutes a day reading are more likely to become good readers. Also, let them see you reading. Be a good role model.

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