

Dear Parents,

Last week our attendance at Clover Garden School improved! We thank you and appreciate your efforts. However, tardies in the morning are still interrupting the learning environment. If you are having trouble making it to school on time then it is time to come up with a new plan. Tardiness is a chronic for some students at Clover Garden School and it creates problems for all students and teachers as well.

I know that you already know that some of the most important learning occurs between 8:05 and 9:30 a.m. for our students! When students arrive late to school or are absent they miss out on important instruction. They also create a distraction when they walk into the classroom after all the other students have been engaged in learning. Teachers must stop instruction and refocus the group.

An occasional tardy is not really a big problem and sometimes cannot be avoided. However, consistent tardiness does not help to prepare our students for future success.

Please help your student by arriving to school on time.

### **Tips for getting to school on time**

If your student is having trouble making it to school on time, try using some or all of these tips so that you're out the door and at school before the first bell rings!

Plan for the "little things" that always come up

Understand the importance of being on time. Students who are on time earn higher grades, enjoy success. The same is true in the work place. Start showing your student how to be on time—Lead by example—develop that GOOD Habit now.

Get enough sleep. If getting out of bed in the morning is a problem, make a serious effort to go to bed earlier. Getting to bed earlier helps students focus better in the classroom and is important for overall good health.

Prepare for school the night before. Don't wait until you already rushed in the morning to pack up that backpack. Get it done the night before and place it by the back door.

Thanks,

Mr. Finnigan