

instruction will be provided daily in these classes. Your child will be eligible to retake the reading test in late October to achieve a mid-year promotion and have the third-grade retention label removed. Your child will remain in the same fourth grade class for the entire school year and continue to receive the uninterrupted reading instruction throughout fourth grade to support ongoing improvement in reading skills.

This new reading requirement will begin for the first time with the children who begin third grade in the fall of 2013. More details will be provided to you this fall about this requirement and how your district will help children become better readers by the end of third grade. In the meantime, here is how you can help your child over the summer:

- Set aside time for your child to read every day and/or for you to read to your child.
- Visit the local public library and check out books. This is a free service in most counties.
- Some local school districts open school libraries on special days in the summer. If you can, take your child to library day at your school to check out books.
- Talk to your child and encourage your child to talk and write about the things that interest him or her.
- If your child enjoys writing or drawing, encourage them to write and draw.
- Help your child get restful sleep.
- Talk to your child about all the fun and exciting things he or she will be learning in third grade.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Calvin Hone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "e".