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"My daughter is a fourth grader. She has sisters who are in college now and are very successful in their class load. I have never in my life as a parent had to help a child with homework the way I must do with my 4th grader. She has struggled with Math and reading/writing since she started her school career. There are gaps in her math skills due to the district she was in using one math program one year..then the next year aligned to common core. Engage NY Modules assumes you had and mastered certain skills the year before...the ridiculous wording and vocabulary that are not even on their level for math...the word problems asking for three and four steps and confusing information...my daughter's confidence has been stripped. She hates school...she doesn't want to go any more..all they do is math..and some ELA..there's no more vocabulary or grammar homework...how can they become writers and write papers and stories if they lack the basic sentence structure knowledge. They went from having some vocabulary in 2nd grade to no vocabulary and just start writing...whether you know how to or not...some students even lack proper comprehension. I sit with my daughter for sometimes two hours of homework because its so multistep and complicated. She doesn't even know how to approach the problem. You have created a generation of kids who hate school..they lack enthusiasm to learn because you have narrowed it down to just math and ELA..you have stripped their spirit and love of learning because of the test prep and evaluating their beloved teachers based on a test that doesn't even measure what they have learned. Get rid of Common Core and have actual teachers involved and child experts..not politicians"