Deirdre, Parent

Common core is a teaching method that can be confusing with the strategic steps involved at a young age. Children's minds may not be open to critical thinking at an early age. That being said, the implementation of the common core coupled with the rigorous testing as a gauge for monetary funds is a complete and utter travesty. We are creating an atmosphere of droids. There is no freedom in the classroom for the teachers to discuss " off topic" items of interest. The children are not allowed to absorb what is being taught to them before the next topic. It's insane. The only person happy in the current teaching culture is Pearson. As a parent I feel like my kids are overworked. Summer break has turned into 100 page packets coming home in addition to summer reading assignments. I grew up during the 70's in NYC. There were plenty of fiscal issues, but we learned and we were not rushed. I think we need an education overhaul, not more money being dumped into a concept that is not working. Thank you for your time.