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The concept of Common Core is fine. Students should be able to do the tasks requested. The assessment side of it is overemphasized. Kids aren't sets of data. The tests are done too soon, too often, and are stressed too much.

I also believe that students are being asked to do complex thinking too early in their school lives. The first three years of school, K-2 should only emphasize reading, mathematics, physical education, and socialization. Having science and social studies standards in the early grades is ridiculous.

Standardized tests should be reduced. Sixth grade and Eleventh grade would be fine, and tying student performance to teacher ratings is not only unnecessary but entirely lacking validity.