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I think Common Core has a lot to offer. I don't know if this is the best way to teach math, but I like the idea of building understanding, not just skills. My kids have had a great literacy program at their school, although I miss grammar rules. It seems to me like a work in progress but I very much appreciate the effort to create a deeper curriculum. The testing stinks and it is shocking to me that young children should have to watch for "tricks" and "pitfalls." I also think the bad testing has gotten conflated with Common Core itself in people's minds, and that's really too bad.