

**Rachel McNamara, Parent**

I strongly disagree with Common Core testing. My experience was that the areas my son was really engaged with and had a real desire to learn were those where the teacher was able to use their own experience and love of the subjects to engage the children. I think a lot of stress and unnecessary effort was put into 'standardized' testing instead of helping each child to learn in a way that they, as an individual, related to. We all think differently and that is where the teacher should be allowed to use their skills and help each child rather than force them all the same way. The children should not be put through all of this stress and pressure to test a teacher and they deserve that the teacher spends their time on teaching them instead of trying to push everyone through a test