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"The common core needs to be revised for grades K-2.

There is so much curriculum that has to be taught now that children do not have time in the school day for creative problem solving. Everything is timed and rushed.

Young children need time to process information, make mistakes and learn from them.

Lighten the load.

I taught more engaging lessons before the common core and they were fun. Children still learned to read and write and communicate. Now, there is no time for fun.

You are turning out a generation of children who have their academics shoved down their throats that when they graduate and no one is there to tell them what to do next, they are lost. There are more children with behavior problems being forced through the school system who are turning to drugs and violence. Why? Because no one gave them time to learn how to handle difficult situations in a safe nurturing environment. The government is bullying schools with test scores, teacher evaluation systems, forced curriculum and no one is thinking about what young children need. The teachers are being bullied. How does that affect children? Is it beneficial? In Maslows hierarchy, children need to feel safe and secure. Are schools providing that for everyone?"