

Todd and Lisa Tieche, Parent

"Although there has been much frustration among parents due to the Common Core Math Standards, we are true supporters. We have a 15 year old who learned math the "old way," one we were familiar with, but not necessarily the best way. Much of the process was memorization and if you didn't understand it, essentially couldn't memorize, math was simply not your strong subject. Our 7 year old has been learning Common Core from the beginning and we love it. It allows our child to memorize, conceptualize and visualize. It allows him to find his strengths and use the concepts he's most comfortable with to solve problems. We also like that the teachers are teaching something new, rather than pulling lesson plans from 10 years ago. We feel the execution of the Common Core was essentially the main problem and the lack of strong tools for the teachers so they could feel more comfortable teaching it. It also should have been phased in at the elementary school levels. If the US is falling behind in the area of math we need to make serious changes that will make our children more competitive and successful. We support it!"