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There is a big difference in learning and finding clever ways to get good test scores. Knowledge comes as a result of many failures. Children must be allowed to fail when they are young so that they can learn from their mistakes. In order for them to have this trial and error period without grave consequences is to have parents and teachers be there on a daily basis to help pick themselves up and head in the right direction. This is called education. Standardized tests coupled with teacher's evaluation undermine the teacher/student relationship which is integral in children's education. Furthermore, they isolate parents from having a part in their children's education. Teachers are only human. If test scores are used to evaluate their performance (their livelihood), many would focus on finding ways to better test scores rather than in true learning for their students. It is time to do away with such nonsense.

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