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The education system has never been good even when I was in school. Common core is no exception. Our young children are coming home from school stressed out, and they are even more stressed out at home because they are doing homework that does not make sense to them. Their parents can't help them because they do not understand it either. Back in my day, 30 years ago, if I needed help with my homework my parents knew how to help me. That made my homework less stressful to do. The homework made sense too. So did the lessons that the teacher taught. I have been in education for more than 20 years. Recently I have seen the best students getting burned out as early as the fourth grade. They don't care about their work or their grades. They've just had enough. My daughter is in first grade. Her homework is confusing. The worksheets have mistakes on them. This is wrong. Our children should not be stressed like this at such a young age.

Not all of our children are going to be scientists. Not all of our children will go to college. All of our children DO need to know how to get by in the outside world. That is the role of the elementary and high schools. They need to teach our children math facts, telling time, how to make change, how to read so they know how to get around in the world. Everything a child needs to know to get through their every day lives. The role of the college is to teach our children the skills they need to learn to pursue their choice of career. This is not the role of the elementary and high schools.