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I have been teaching primary grades for the last 25 years. In my career I have taught Special Education Self Contained classes, general education kindergarten, first grade and second grade classes. The bulk of my career has been between first and second grades, with the last 13 years being in grade 2. So now my focus is on Grade 2 standards. When you read the standards in isolation they seem fine. It is in my opinion that it is not necessarily the standard that is the issue but the lessons that go along with it that we are to teach. For example the lessons from Engage New York are poorly written. The content is very much above the thinking of your average 6-7year old. While a very small amount of students do well with this math, I feel it is geared primarily to those gifted students. The average student has an extremely difficult time grasping the concepts and the lower students and special education students are completely lost. Parents are completely frustrated. A 6-7 year old should not have so much difficulty completeing homework and to make it worse parents are not able to help their child because it is foreign to most of them. Another problem is the pacing. You have to keep moving quickly through the lessons in order to cover all the material even if the students are not grasping it. How many hours a day can be spent on math?!?! It is ridiculous.