

**Cheryl Berardi, Parent**

"The common core to me is the most ridiculous curriculum I have ever seen. As a mother of 4 special needs children, I have watched them struggle constantly with their homework through the years, I was at my wits end trying desperately to get them through this horrific homework that was being given to them!! A few years later, I had learned that all my children had learning & social disabilities which hindered their progress. I am so grateful that they are now placed in appropriate class settings along with IEP's that help them to achieve their "goals". Our children are the future & they must go to school feeling good & positive about themselves. This common core unfortunately does not bring out the best in them. It discourages them when they can't figure out a "3" step math problem or score high on " standardized testing". Let's change this people!! Do it for the parents, grandparents, principals, paras, & teachers but most importantly our children!!!"