

JoAnne Gardella, Parent

"My children attend Catholic school in Staten Island. They are in the fourth grade and very good students. When they need help with their math homework, I can't even assist them without all of us getting upset. I don't understand the lessons, they don't understand the lessons and we all end up in tears. Yesterday, they both came home with a failing test grade in reading comprehension. They were very upset as no one wants to fail anything. When I reviewed the test with them, I could totally understand their thought process for the answers they chose. School has become very frustrating for them and they dread it everyday. While school is an obvious necessity, this curriculum is destroying their self confidence and the number of hours homework and studying takes, leaves little time for extra-curricular activities."