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"Common Core is doing a disservice to students. My intelligent, positive 2nd grade grandson reads well, is beyond grade level but is totally loss in the math approach used. You do not TEACH ESTIMATING unless the child KNOWS Math Facts. He and others in 2nd grade have been taught to know so little about so many subjects that they are being left with no tools to make it through school. Teach reading, writing and arithmetic. Use rote memorization for their first three years of school. Engage them by having them repeat facts, not guesses or estimates."