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"As a parent of two elementary school age children I am very concerned over the common core. I have watched both of my children cry at the table over homework they don't understand. There has been countless homework that I have sent back with notes because I don't even understand it. This way of learning is destroying their self confidence and imagination. They are stressed, anxious, and way over tested. There will always be tests in school but why can't it be one for each stage of education. One in elementary school, middle, and high school. They don't need benchmarks all year long and then receive testing that is set up to make them fail and feel inadequate. School should be a fun environment . My children have become nothing more than a test score. Teachers feel the need to teach to the test because their careers are on the line because of a test that is not age appropriate. I opted my children out of the tests last year and will continue to do so because they cause my children stress and I don't think children should be stressed in elementary school. When the designers children of common core, the presidents children, and Arne Duncan children start learning common core and taking these tests, one will too. If it's not good enough for their children why is it good enough for mine."