

Mildred Martinez, Parent

"My son is a third grader at P.S. 89. This February will be his first time taking tests aligned to the Common Core.

In the past, I had no way of really knowing if he was making the grade.

Last year, he fell behind academically and the only way I found out was after I asked his teacher at a parent teacher conference.

I don't understand why they didn't let me know he needed extra help.

I was upset, and I am still not satisfied with teachers who were not committed to helping my son do better in school.

The Common Core will make sure my son is on track. I'll have a way to make sure he's making the grade – and his teachers will be able to show me clearly what he needs to work on.

I am thankful that New York is leading the way on the Common Core, to make sure all kids have access to high standards."