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"I am a parent of a kindergartner who is able to read every letter in the alphabet, identify their sounds, count independently, reads 20+ sight words, and can sound out words phonetically. He knew all this from one year at pre-k. Yet, that's not enough in kindergarten anymore. The things these children who are 4 and 5 years old are expected to do is absolutely ridiculous. I am also an educator and have worked in and outside of the classroom with special education students for over 12 years. I have seen the change in our system and it truly disgusts me. The math curriculum in particular is ludicrous. The way my generation was taught made SENSE. Maybe you feel that way did not work for whatever reason, but with the right teachers it does work.

Finally, the Common Core curriculum should be against the law. By federal law our children are all entitled to a Free and Appropriate Public Education. While this law was written for children with disabilities in mind, it applies to all children. This curriculum is inappropriate and causing our children to fail."