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"If testing scores were the predictive metric of success then east asia would be the innovative capital of the world. The American economy is based on creativity that allows companies like Google, Apple, and Facebook to develop. I suggest all read the book Start Up Country about Israel. In summary we want thinkers and questioners, not students that can regurgitate information. The more they are taught to be creative, and told that they can find better ways to do things than there mentors, the more we will go forward. Too much testing makes teachers teach to the test and not encourage creative thought. For years, countries like China have had high test scores, but this has not lead to original ideas and new patents."