

## **Sue Tropeano, Parent**

Although I support the concept of challenging our children to think outside the box and think it's great to promote greater analysis on a wide variety of subjects, I don't agree with the excessive testing that has resulted from it. My children spend a large amount of their time studying for exams on a weekly basis which makes them hesitant to participate in sports and extra curricular activities because there's not enough time to do everything. Excessive testing causes unnecessary stress and anxiety which they shouldn't have to experience at such a young age. School now leaves very little time for kids to be kids which is really sad! Not all kids can handle it. I have two children who struggle with math and have since been classified as learning disabled. For kids that find school hard, the rigor of common core is a nightmare. Being unable to keep up with some of the other kids leads to self esteem issues in school and frustration at night when doing homework. It has also added the additional expense of tutoring outside of school to help them stay afloat. We want our kids to feel positive and look forward to going to school. I think we should really take a step back and look at what this is doing to kids and re-evaluate our approach. I appreciate you allowing us to provide our feedback and look forward to positive changes in the future.