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"Hmmm, I'm not sure who is reading this. I only hope that it is worth my time to write this. In May 2009, I had the good fortune to hear Edward Miller speak. He had just published a study called Crisis in Kindergarten. During his presentation he brought up the pending CCSS. Edward Miller is part of the Alliance for Childhood. He informed the crowd that the CCSS were being crafted by a secret group called Achieve, see link to Washington Posts articles below. The members of the group were not seeking out advice or knowledge from early childhood experts. The creation of the CCSS are shrouded in mystery. I'm all for standards. I have been teaching for 13 years. I want to use standard that have developmentally appropriate benchmarks, not backwards designed from College. There are reformed NYS standards, see link below, Meryl Tisch and John King gave accolades to just prior to the adoption to the CCSS. I believe NYS needs to look at the updated standards sitting on the self.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2013/01/29/a-tough-critique-of-common-core-on-early-childhood-education/>

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