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"I dislike everything about the common core. The standardized tests are atrocious and the ELA standards are too high for the age level of the children. When a child receives a 2 on the ELA state test and it states that he or she did better than the average score of children across NY State, that should tell you that the standards are unreasonable. In addition, the common core practices in which these students are learning math are confusing and use too many steps. Not to mention that children are asked to verbally explain their math answer in an exact way or they will get the problem wrong, even if their answer is right. That's absurd. Children are developing major test anxiety and need tutoring as early as first grade. In addition, teachers are being forced to teach for the test, putting less emphasis on Social Studies, Science and other subjects. Teachers, parents and students alike dislike the common core. I can't wait for the day it is gone forever!"