

I am in Fourth Grade. I don't like common core.

I don't like that once I know a Math problem; we have to draw it after. It makes it more complicated. You have to draw an array to really answer the problem, even though you already know the answer. That's how you get more points.

I don't like that if the students get 1 or 2 wrong that the teacher gets in trouble for that. It's junk.

I don't like that we are only and always doing ELA and Math. ONLY ELA and Math all day.

I don't like that we don't do a lot of Science or Social Studies. We haven't even started Social Studies in 4th grade yet. It is already November 13th.

I don't like learning the same things over and over again. We do the same kinds of things for Math. I pretty much have learned this stuff and I have to keep doing it. For example, in 3rd grade, we did  $2 \times 2$  and now in 4th grade, I am still doing  $2 \times 2$ . It's boring. It's good that I know it already, but it's really boring.

In ELA, the teacher tells us what we have to read. For example, we always do expository text. Today we had one about precipitation and it was boring. It told me facts that I already knew.

I really like my teacher but I don't like doing the same work over and over again.

My teacher let us do Science and we made Cytoplasm and that is pretty much the coolest thing that we have done in Science this year.

We get a reading and math test every week. I think that there is too much testing on ELA and Math and it's always on the same things. Like Math is always 3 digit addition and subtraction, telling time, rounding, naming hexagons and pentagons, drawing arrays and solving word problems with bar graphs.

We have to do guided reading for 2 hours every day. The teacher chooses the books and they are boring sometimes. Sometimes I would choose the same kind of book if I could, but other times I don't like the book. We have to do Math for at least one hour everyday and it's always the same kind of Math. We do use a

Math book sometimes, and sometimes, like 4 of 5 times, we have used blocks for math, one block might mean 2, and Fred would be 3 times Suzie's age, which was 2, but we do these same kinds of Math worksheets every single day, lots of worksheets.

I want learning to be fun. I refuse the NYS common core tests because it rates on how good my teachers do and it rates them unfairly.

I don't like missing school if I am sick because I know I am going to miss out on doing work and possibly miss recess even though my Mom got my homework, talked to my teacher and said that it was fine, that I wouldn't be behind.

I love Fun Fridays, it's like an extra recess because we can go outside and play but without the lunch monitors. My teacher comes out with us and watches us play. We get to go out for 20 minutes or a half an hour. If it's raining outside we can play games inside and today we did a worksheet on Halloween Hank Panks, like itchy witchy, boasty ghosty. It wasn't as fun as regular Fun Friday but it was ok.

We need common core out of our schools so we can learn new stuff and have fun.