

State Tests

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Kids have the state tests in the middle of the school year from grades 3-5 in public school. Before this test there is so much studying for this test that at the end of the day I feel like my brain will burst. I mean which would you rather be doing: sitting at home studying all day or going outside to play with your friends? I would love to study all day. NOT. Even if you did not have any studying for homework you would be so tired even to play because you would have been in a room all day thinking and thinking about the test. So why can't we simply just have quizzes and tests but not have the teachers put so much pressure on you. Do you want your teacher telling you "It's going to be soooooooooo hard, you might not know some questions or any." Don't you think that would make you feel pressured and overwhelmed? Well if it doesn't, you're CRAZY!

Now Picture this: Some kid is an amazing student but not a good test taker. They take the test. Then get their grades back and the score is not so good because this kid is not a good test taker. The principal at this school looks at the test because this kid applied. He doesn't get in. But what

the school does not know is that the kid is a good student. Then if they don't get into that school they won't get into high school then they won't get in to HARVARD then the tests have ruined that child's whole entire life!!! Unfair. Yes that is unfair.

Also all this studying takes up your curriculum of stuff you actually need to learn. Such as math, reading, and social studies. Also kids don't want to go to school if they're going to be studying all day. But if we have our real curriculum kids want to come to school. Any schools such as ps.290 has book buddies which is a period where you read books and do projects with kindergarteners and 1st graders but now that the tests come we can't have book buddies. Which is unfair to the little kids because they have nothing to do that means they have to get it taken away. Also hello we want to hear our teacher read to us don't you like that we get to be read to for an hour. Also we are in the middle of social studies going into the war in Colonial America but then we have wait 2 boring months to find out who won the war!

So believe me. I've been through all of it. Literally all of it!