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Our Priorities are Backwards

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The ability to test well is the most important goal of reading instruction
I refuse to believe that
Magic happens when kids have free time to read what they choose
We need to focus on what's important
Spending hours and days and weeks and months and years preparing for tests
We need to stop
Giving kids the silly, scary, funny, fun books they love
We need to return to
Prioritizing comprehension over joy
We must stop wasting kids' time
If we want the next generation to be strong readers

(Now read from the bottom, up)



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