

I once was told, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." { wrote William Ross Wallace back in 1865.} When committed, loving parents rock the cradle, freedom flourishes. When the state is allowed to rock that cradle, those freedoms diminish. I was pondering on these words, when I started reading another book Animal Farm. { by George Orwell } It illustrates the brutal way the sheep dog is robbed of her puppies. Once confiscated, the puppies become trained bullies and useful enforcers.

My husband and I with a group of parents went to our school board about changing from five day Kindergarten to four day Kindergarten. We believed five day to be far too strenuous for our children as we are in a rural community. Some of these officials reasoned that children needed to learn to be on their own. Some parents ask if on the fourth day of Kindergarten that the work for the fifth day be sent home. A school official stated that we might be able to help the children with their work, but the parent's wouldn't be able to teach it properly. The parents walked away feeling like a child being told "No." They were willing to fight tooth and nail with us. Over what??? Kindergarten??? These adults took it upon themselves to disregard the authority of the parents.

The first step in recognizing parental rights is respecting and supporting their rightful role and their fundamental rights. Our Basic rights- The right of parents to direct the upbringing of their own children.

I implore this interim committee to carefully study the loss of local and parental control Common Core is having over our communities.

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