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Alfie Kohn Is Marching Against Standardized Testing — and He Has Gained a Nationwide Following
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One day in 1986, a 4-year-old, kindergarten fifth-grader at Long B. Fanning Elementary School in Miami Beach gave a class assignment: He was supposed to write a story about his teacher, Alfie Kohn, neatly handed him his paper with his name, the date and an appropriate title: "Busywork." His teacher did not like that, but that did not seem to bother young Alfie. His life since has been a series of clashes with educational authorities, making him the most recognizable figure Goldman in the world and an example of what educational standards and tests a fact of life in most schools.

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