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My memories of elementary school aren't too vivid, partly because of Covid lockdowns, but most of the memories I have of Elementary school take place in math and reading classes. I was very passionate about Social Studies and was put in the Talented and Gifted program for Social Studies and Math, but I remember not having much time to actually learn about Social Studies as a class, and instead, I remember usually reading about it during quiet reading time. My mom has worked at Guy Lee for the last 17 years, and she has expressed frustration over the inadequate amount of time reserved for social studies, art, science, etc, which has prevented her from doing more interactive projects like science experiments or art projects because of the time needed to set up and clean up those activities while also giving proper instruction. Also, this makes it harder for children skilled in areas like social studies, art, and science to express their skills to their fullest extent. This is why elementary school can often be very boring for some children. My brother was very artistic but didn't have much time to express that creativity in school and instead expressed it elsewhere. My brother was very artistic but didn't have much time to express his creativity in school with the current curriculum, so he had to find ways to express them outside of school. School should be a place where students can explore a diverse set of skills and activities, giving them the opportunity to discover what they're passionate about without being forced to sacrifice their free time just to learn these basic, fundamental skills.