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Teaching Diary New York

My name is Neme Alperstein. I'm a New York City public school teacher at PS56. I've been teaching for 14 years in this public school and before then I worked in the corporate world.

These are students whose parents are immigrants and they are really looking for the American dreams. They have very high goals. I teach academically gifted students, not moneyed students, but academically very bright ones who have hopes, dreams and come from backgrounds where they really have to succeed. They have very high expectations placed on them.

They're enthusiastic students and I was looking over background of where they're from and I think that's probably the richness of the ... and the diversity of the class that makes the class very interesting when they bring their backgrounds to the various lessons that go on.

I taught a Maths lesson today and in it we did a lesson on the cost of Christmas gifts and what did they want for Christmas or for the upcoming Quanser holiday or whatever holiday they are? Honaker or whatever they celebrate? And I couldn't help noticing that not a single gift that they wanted was under something as I think \$40. They were all technology gifts. I don't there was a single gift that a child wanted that doesn't log in or run on batteries. I found that interesting ... 21st century New York children.