It is a reminder of the choices that have followed the students through the semester: computer or homework? Immediate gratification or investing in the future?

As the group-reading effort winds down, she says gently: "I hope this will motivate you to read on your own."

"It's a catastrophe," said Alan Eaton, a charismatic Latin teacher. He says that technology has led to a "balkanization of their focus and duration of stamina," and that teachers at Woodside commonly blame technology for students' struggles to concentrate, but they are divided over whether embracing computers is the right solution.

The $2,000 computer Vishal is using is state of the art and only a week old. It represents a concession by his parents. They allowed him to buy it, despite their continuing concerns about his technology habits, because they wanted to support his filmmaking dream. "If we put roadblocks in his way, he's just going to get around them," his father said.

The video is based on a song performed by the band "Fun day, finally got to spend a day relaxing... now about that homework..."

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