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This week I learnt that students are bullied not only because of their defects but also because of their qualities. One of my students is really smart and disciplined, he does his homework and studies hard. Most of my students tend to be rude with him or to tell him to stop being so disciplined. It is pretty interesting that he is not even the “teacher’s pet”, he is just an excellent student. I talked to my students and asked them why they were so rude with him, they told me he studied too hard, and that they studied too but not that hard because it was not necessary. So, they always bully him just because he studies more than they do. That’s envy I think! I told them that it was not fair to bully someone just because they study more than you do, they have to study a lot if they want to get a place at the university. I told them that if they “studied” enough just to pass the exams, then they wouldn’t be able to go to the university, because lots of people study harder than they do. They will probably not change the way they think, but at least I made them doubt, now I have to keep on telling them why it is important to study hard. Of course I had to talk to the other student, too. I told him not to give up on what he is doing and not to pay attention to what his classmates say. I told him that I study hard at the university and that thanks to that I’m going to the USA next semester. He told me that he was studying harder because he wanted to get a scholarship and travel to Bogotá, and he told me not to worry because he knows what he wants and that he is not giving up! I was really pleased to hear that, mainly when he is just 14 years old, so I will keep an eye on him, just in case he feels like doubting. I talked to the in-service teacher as well and told her what was happening, she told me she would pay attention in order to avoid bullying.

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