

Effective Practice Briefings

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focusing on evidence based practice in education

Integrated Thematic Instruction with Susan Kovalik

Interview Outline

Part I

- How is Integrated Thematic Instruction an Effective Practice?
- Brain research tells us emotion is the gatekeeper to learning
- 5 Lifelong Guidelines
 - Trustworthiness
 - Truthfulness
 - Personal Best
 - Active Listening
 - No Put-Downs
- Intelligence is a function of experience



Part II

- Learning as a two step process – in order for the brain to “care” patterns – must have meaning & programs – a mental routine

Part III

- Students with disabilities and Integrated Thematic Instruction
 - Learning to ask questions
 - Procedures for learning
 - Year long themes
 - Collaborative teaching and learning



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