



RIO VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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I am very happy to recommend the Understanding Cultural Learning Styles – Parent Educational series by Shannon O'Brien of Children's Resources. The program covers a variety of important topics that shed light on issues beneath the surface, such as the influence of race on student expectations, the impact of culture on student learning, and the relationship between emotional intelligence and academic achievement.

Ms. O'Brien's instructional approach is honest and open, which allows parents to connect with her while communicating in the courses. She encourages parents to look within themselves, as they identify those habits that are both beneficial and obstructive to their children's successes at home and school. After identifying practical strategies, parents are then given the tools to put them into motion.

The feedback that I have received from the Rio Vista parents has been overwhelmingly favorable, as several parents have expressed a desire to have her return the following school year. In reaching out to parents to increase more involvement and support, the educational series can be used as a vehicle to set a tone that is both positive and encouraging.

Respectfully,

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