

Owatonna Online

Grades 4-6

February 2026 | Staying Connected, Engaged & Learning Together

A Message from Our Principal

February may be short, but it's full of meaningful learning moments! As winter stretches on, we know staying motivated and engaged can feel harder—for students and families. This month we're focusing on connection, routines, and celebrating reading as part of I Love to Read Month. Thank you for being such important partners in your child's learning.

Important February Dates

- **Thursday, February 13**
Owatonna Online 4–6 Conferences
More details will be shared by your child's teacher.
- **Monday, February 16**
- No School – Presidents Day
- *Staff Professional Learning Day*

Warmly,

Dr. Martina Wagner, Principal

Report Cards

Semester 1 Report Cards are available to view on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you have not created an account, see instructions below.

Logging in from a Web Browser

1. Visit www.isd761.org, and select Infinite Campus Portal
2. Select Campus Parent
3. Enter username and password



1. New User? Request an Activation Key from campushelp@isd761.org

Click **Log In**



Online Learning Tips & Tricks for Winter Months

Long winter days can lead to lower energy and focus. Here are a few simple strategies that make a big difference:

- ✓ Create a “Learning Launch” Routine
 - Start each school day with the same 5–10 minute routine (snack, stretch, review the day’s plan)
 - Consistency helps students transition into learning mode
- ✓ Short Breaks = Big Wins
 - Encourage a movement break every 30–45 minutes
 - Jumping jacks, wall push-ups, or a quick walk around the house help reset focus
- ✓ Change the Learning Spot
 - Try learning at the kitchen table one day, a desk the next, or near a window
 - A small change can boost attention and motivation
- ✓ Celebrate Small Successes
 - Finished a lesson? Submitted an assignment?

A quick “nice work” or sticker chart goes a long way!



February is I Love to Read Month!

Reading is one of the most powerful ways to support learning across all subjects—and February is the perfect time to lean into it.

♥ Why Reading Together Matters

Reading as a family:

- Builds vocabulary and comprehension
- Strengthens family connections
- Helps students see reading as enjoyable, not just “school work”

📖 A Great Read for Families

Article Recommendation:

[“Why Reading Aloud to Children Still Matters” \(by Scholastic\)](#)

This article highlights how reading aloud—even to older elementary students—boosts comprehension, confidence, and a love of books.

👉 Consider reading aloud together a few nights a week, even for just 10–15 minutes.

📖 Fun Reading Ideas

- Family reading night (everyone reads their own book!)
- Read a book, then watch the movie together

Let your child read to a younger sibling, pet, or stuffed animal

❄️ Fun Winter Family Activities

Learning doesn't stop when the computer closes! Here are a few easy, winter-friendly ideas:

- **Winter Reading Fort** – Build a cozy fort and read together
- **Family Game Night** – Board games build math, strategy, and teamwork skills
- **Cooking Together** – Follow a recipe and practice reading, measuring, and sequencing

Presidents Day Tie-In – Watch a short video or read a kid-friendly book about U.S. presidents

🧡 We're Here to Help

If your child is feeling stuck, overwhelmed, or unmotivated, please reach out. Teachers and staff are happy to partner with you to problem-solve and support success.

Thank you for all you do to support learning at home—we truly couldn't do this without you!

Warmly,
Owatonna Online 4–6 Team

Important Dates



- **February 13:** No school (Gr K-5 Conferences)
 - **February 16:** No school (Staff Development)
 - **March 26:** End of 3rd Quarter
 - **March 27:** No school (Teacher work day)
 - **March 30-April 2:** Spring Break
 - **April 3:** No school/District closed
 - **May 25:** Memorial Day/District closed
 - **June 4:** Last day of school
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Infinite Campus Log In

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[Infinite Campus Student Portal](#)

- **The username** is the first part of the student's email address.

(no '@isd761.org' on the end)

- **Password** is the same as the student's Google login (lunch pin).
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Student Email Accounts

Students - We email you information often, so please access your email daily! All students have school email accounts and will need to log in daily. Students can do this by doing the following:

Go to [gmail.com](https://mail.google.com)

Sign in using the following information:



USERNAME: first initial, last name @isd761.org **example:

jdoe@isd761.org

PASSWORD: lunch pin number.

Owatonna Online School Student Handbook

Crisis Response



CRISIS RESPONSE
For Southeast Minnesota

The crisis response inspires hope in adults, children, youth, and their families by delivering compassionate, person-centered, recovery-based mental health support during a crisis. Please do not hesitate to use this as a resource.
1-844-274-7472

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



If you need suicide or mental health crisis support or are worried about someone else, please call or text 988 or visit the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline chat to connect with a trained crisis specialist.

Attendance

GENERAL ATTENDANCE LINE- **507-444-8012**

Call between 7:00-9:00 AM or prior to your student's absence.

PARENT PORTAL - Great resource to check your student's attendance!

Review your profile settings regarding automated notifications, current email, and phone numbers.

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TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

If you are experiencing a technology issue while learning from home, you can contact the Owatonna Public Schools Technology Department by leaving a message on the Technology Hotline at studenthelp.isd761.org. A member of the Technology Department will contact you as soon as possible during Technology Help Desk hours.



[Technology Help Desk](#)

Technology Help Desk Hours:

Monday - Friday

7:30 am - 3:30 pm

507-444-8630

Important Links

[Facebook](#)

[School Calendars](#)

[Community Flyers/ Peachjar](#)

[Technology and Innovation](#)

[Nutrition Services](#)

[Children's Remedial Fund](#)

Parent Portal

[Campus Parent English](#)

[Campus Parent Spanish](#)

[Campus Parent Somali](#)



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