

Owatonna Online

Grades 4-6

March 2026 | Staying Connected, Engaged & Learning Together

A Message from the Owatonna Online Principal

To Our Amazing 4th–6th Grade Students and Families,

As we move into March, I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of each of you.

Online learning takes responsibility, perseverance, and independence — and our 4th through 6th graders are growing in all three every single day. I see students logging in consistently, attending live meets ready to learn, asking thoughtful questions, and stretching themselves academically. That matters. It shows character.

Families, thank you. Your partnership makes Owatonna Online strong. Whether it's helping establish routines, checking progress, encouraging your child through a challenging lesson, or celebrating a completed unit — your support is invaluable.

Students — This Part Is For You

You are capable of hard things.

When a lesson feels tricky, that means your brain is growing. When you ask for help, that shows maturity. When you finish strong at the end of the quarter instead of giving up — that shows grit.

Here are three goals for March:

1. Log in every day and stay on pace.
2. Participate in live sessions — your voice matters.
3. Do your own thinking and your own work. Integrity builds trust and confidence.

Small steps every day lead to big accomplishments.

Families – How You Can Help This Month

- Encourage steady progress instead of last-minute rushing.
- Ask your child what their goal is for the week.
- Reach out early if something feels overwhelming.
- Celebrate effort, not just grades.

We are committed to supporting the whole child – academically, socially, and emotionally.

Owatonna Online is more than a platform. It is a learning community. Thank you for being part of it.

Let's finish this quarter focused, confident, and proud of the work we've done.

With appreciation,

Martina Wagner
Principal
Owatonna Online 💖

Family Fun Learning Links (Grades 4–6)

Here are some engaging activities you can enjoy together at home:

Critical Thinking & Logic

- PBS Kids Games – <https://pbskids.org/games>
- Math Playground Logic Games – <https://www.mathplayground.com>
- National Geographic Kids – <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com>
- Try a weekly family riddle night!

STEM Exploration

- Mystery Science Mini Lessons – <https://mysteryscience.com>
- NASA Kids Club – <https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub>
- Build a marble run, test paper airplane designs, or try a kitchen science experiment together.

Reading & Writing Fun

Storyline Online – <https://www.storylineonline.net>

- Scholastic Learn at Home – <https://www.scholastic.com/learnathome>
- Family Writing Challenge:
 - Write a “March Madness of Books” bracket.
 - Create a short comic strip together.
 - Start a shared family journal.

March Family Challenge

Complete one learning activity together each week and post a picture (if your family is comfortable) in our family sharing space or email it to your teacher!

Ideas:

- Cook using fractions.
- Budget a pretend spring break trip.
- Build something from recycled materials.
- Read 20 minutes together each night for one week.

We Appreciate You

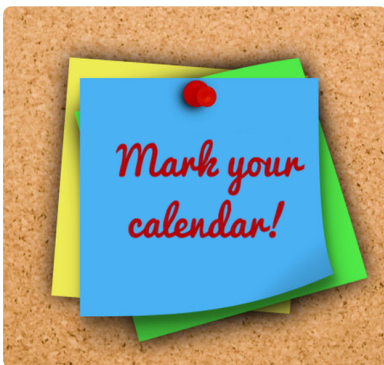
Online learning works best when school and home partner together. Thank you for:

- Encouraging daily routines
- Supporting independence
- Communicating early
- Celebrating growth

Let's make March productive, positive, and full of momentum!

If you ever have questions, please reach out. We are here for you.

Important Dates



- **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

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).

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

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



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.

Owatonna Online STAFF

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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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Students with disabilities are entitled to a free appropriate public education that includes general education, special education and/or related aids and services. Direct reports or concerns to the Title IX Coordinator. More information can be found on the district website:

isd761.org/nondiscrimination



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