Hello! Welcome to my Pearson Training. In this tutorial, Ollie the Owl will show you an amazing integrated curriculum named Opening the World of Learning—or OWL.
What is OWL?

OWL is a comprehensive, bilingual, pre-Kindergarten program that is purposeful, playful, and personalized. The OWL curriculum helps children develop a foundation for success in Kindergarten and beyond through:

- language and vocabulary development;
- rich questions;
- content;
- personalized instruction; and
- making every part of the school day an opportunity for teaching and learning.
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"The centrality of vocabulary has become increasingly clear as has the need for a comprehensive, language- and knowledge-rich approach to instruction. OWL represents what I believe is the strongest curriculum-based approach to these challenges."

David K. Dickinson, Ed.D., OWL Program Author, Vanderbilt University's Peabody College

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As a preschool teacher, you're well aware that early learning should be about play, creativity, and wonder. OWL, which is available in both English and Spanish, provides creative experiences using music, poetry, art, and rich literature in a variety of genres.
Program Features

Unit Structure

Eight thematic units based in science and social studies content provide engaging topics for instruction and assessment to build children's skills throughout the year. This equates to a whopping thirty-six weeks of instruction, including four built-in weeks of review!
Make Every Moment Count

Quick and easy plans that help you begin the day

Make every moment of the day count with quick and easy plans that help you begin the day with morning routines and add instruction to transitions, meal time, and outdoor play.
Make Math Count

Introduce math concepts, methods, and vocabulary in these strands—Geometry, Data Analysis, Measurement, Number and Operations, and Patterns. Develop these skills in Small Groups, Center Time, Morning Meeting, Story Time, and Wrap Up Your Day.
Make Science and Social Studies Count

During Science and Social Studies circle, demonstrate concepts and guide children as they observe, identify, categorize, and describe.

You’ll cover these science strands:
- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Earth and Space Science
- Health and Safety

And you’ll cover these social studies concepts:
- Communities
- Geography
- Cultures
- Economics
- Citizenship
Teacher Resources

Let's learn more about the OWL program by looking at the incredible selection of resources that guide and support as you plan and instruct.

Equitable instruction is provided in both English and Spanish, although English-only Editions are also available.
Planning and Assessment Teacher's Guide

With so many resources, you'll need some help to get started! The Planning and Assessment Teacher's Guide is the first place to find answers when you start to implement the program. It provides planning support for centers and making every moment count. You'll find ideas on how to set up your classroom, establish routines, and differentiate instruction. The Planning and Assessment Teacher's Guide also includes assessments, tools, and checklists, as well as other valuable resources such as a word list and glossary.
Teacher's Guide Planners: Units 1-8

Each week begins with a five-day planner, which provides a convenient overview of the upcoming week's activities. Instructional pages, presented in both English and Spanish, include detailed plans for each lesson that you teach throughout the day.

Parts of the day are color-coded.

Full-day and half-day schedules are available.

Success Predictors are progress-monitoring opportunities. These are indicated by red bars with yellow arrows. In the digital version, you can click the bar to link to the associated progress-monitoring activity.
Centers and Small Groups

You can maximize learning while promoting social and emotional growth by setting up centers in your classroom. During Center Time, you can meet with Small Groups to provide differentiated instruction, deliver English language development instruction, provide personalized practice to children in a one-on-one meeting with a child, as well as promote independent learning.

To help you, the unit Teacher Guide provides eight center activity options at a glance. You'll find a description, the associated learning goals, and the materials that you’ll need for each center.

Center Time provides you with detailed information about each center such as how to introduce it, appropriate vocabulary, ways you can scaffold learning, and how you can encourage self-regulation.

Detailed information is also provided to help you facilitate your Small Groups. Find the learning goals, introduction suggestions, guided practice, and a suggested activity that provides each child with an opportunity for practice.
Read Alouds

Now, let's look at some of the engaging, age-appropriate resources and text that you'll be using. Engaging, age-appropriate text is an essential component of OWL and is built into daily instruction.
Trade Books

Each week of instruction includes a designated Trade Book. These books consist of an assortment of stories, folk tales, informational fiction, and nonfiction texts that are rich in concepts and oral vocabulary.
Big Books feature rhyme and repetition, and you can use them during the Day 5 Literacy Circle lesson to teach concepts of print, phonological awareness, and alphabet knowledge. There is one Big Book for each unit of instruction, and most Big Books have corresponding Little Big Books for students’ use. Little Books extend literary experiences.
Read More About It Books

Read More About It Books, which you can use during the Story Time lesson, extend science and social studies concepts through stories, poems, nonfiction articles, environmental print, and fine art. Use one paired selection for each week of instruction.
Read-Aloud Anthology

Each week includes one to three selections from the Read Aloud Anthology. Use these selections as part of the Extend Your Day lesson. The anthology features a variety of genres, including fairy tales, nursery rhymes, poems, and retelling of classic tales.
Ollie and Friends Readers consist of eight thematically related titles that address each of the unit’s concepts. They feature simple, patterned text and usually present one word per page.
OWL iOpeners Big Books

OWL iOpeners Big Books are books that are visually stunning—with amazing facts and pictures. These address science and social studies topics as well as unit concepts, academic vocabulary, and print concepts. Twelve thematically related titles are available in English and Spanish.

Teaching Cards and Posters

Teaching cards and posters provide opportunities for additional practice and progress monitoring.
Other Classroom Resources

OWL includes a variety of additional classroom resources to help you make learning fun and engaging.

Ollie Puppet

Ollie helps you introduce new concepts to children and is their biggest cheerleader.
OWL provides playful manipulatives for intentional teaching and fun, hands-on learning during the day. The kit includes resources such as magnetic letters, color cubes, and musical instruments.
Digital Interactive Resources

OWL’s online and digital resources provide tools that enhance your classroom instruction and support the communication between school and home.

Teacher’s Guides, weekly planners, and customizable lesson plans simplify the program for you.

Content such as Interactive Big Books, embedded animations, slide show story sorts, and games make learning fun.

Family newsletters, take-home books, and family workshops work in conjunction with your use of the social and emotional handbook to meet the needs of the whole child—not just the student.
Interactive Big Books

View and assign interactive lesson content in eTexts or show them on a whiteboard for whole-group instruction.
Interactive Teacher's Guide

Use the whiteboard-ready interactive Teacher's Guide to enhance each lesson with learning games, concept development slide shows, Envision It! animations, story sorts, graphic organizers, as well as hands-on and manipulatives activities.
Monitor progress on success predictors informally each week. You'll identify children who need more practice and be able to intervene immediately by providing personalized practice.

Review & Check is the time to administer progress-monitoring assessments. These ensure that all children are on their way to meeting end-of-year benchmarks. Online assessments are available on Pearson SuccessNet®.
Progress Monitoring

Screening assessments and progress-monitoring forms give you a snapshot of where a child is at a given point in time. You can use this information as a baseline to measure growth across the year, to communicate progress to parents or guardians, and to make instructional decisions.

For detailed information about progress monitoring and assessments, please refer to the Pearson SuccessNet® tutorials on my Pearson Training.
Embedded scaffolded strategies help you adjust, extend, and scaffold for all children, especially English language learners—or ELLs. Suggestions help you make activities somewhat easier, adjust motor activities, utilize visual supports, and help children proceed at their own pace. For accelerated learners, you can extend the activities and make them somewhat more challenging. These activities encourage interest-based investigation. When scaffolding for ELLs, frontload vocabulary and concepts, and support children’s acquisition of language.
English Language Development

Daily English Language Development lessons are available for Center Time and Small Groups. You can meet children where they are—from beginning to advanced levels of English language proficiency. You’ll focus on language acquisition, production, structure, and use.

Closing

During this tutorial, you learned about the OWL resources that help you use play, creativity, and wonder to open a world of learning for pre-Kindergarten children. Thank you for joining me.