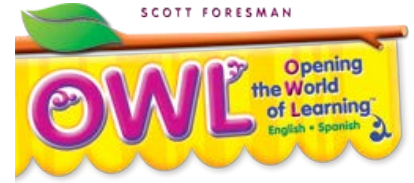


Opening the World of Learning (OWL)



Virtual Program Activation: Frequently Asked Questions

What grade levels are covered in OWL?

Opening the World of Learning (OWL) ©2014, 2011 is a comprehensive Pre-K curriculum, available in both English and Spanish, that prepares children for kindergarten with ongoing assessment of researched-based success predictors and playful, purposeful, and personalized instruction.

What is the foundation for OWL?

OWL is built upon a foundation of critical content area concept development. The literature ties to the concepts and vocabulary. OWL also provides daily English language development lessons designed to support English Language Learners. These lessons are tied to the key concepts and vocabulary of the day's instruction.

OWL is based upon the belief that immersion in a learning-rich environment is critical but not sufficient. The environment and interactions must be thoughtful and purposeful. All parts of the day should be considered opportunities for learning, and the teacher should know the curriculum content, instructional strategies, and individual children well enough to be responsive in a variety of situations.

What is the instructional design for OWL?

Instructional design and strategies set OWL apart. While planning and implementing each part of the day, teachers are encouraged to be intentional in their actions and words. This intentionality and the intense focus on conversation provide an unprecedented amount of implicit and explicit oral language, critical thinking, and vocabulary instruction.

Through the use of essential questions, teachers help children connect content to their experiences, which takes them beyond rote learning and leads to thoughtful, reflective learning.

Is there a newsletter in OWL?

Yes. From the Teacher homepage click Other Resources, Teacher Resources, then Family Times Newsletters. They are divided by unit and week and include what we are reading, talking about, and learning at school. It also offers suggestions for learning and laughing together at home. There are also boxes where you can type and add your class notes! These are available in both English and Spanish.

What other resources are available in the Teacher Resources?

- Graphic Organizers
- Patterns
- Hands-On Activity Aids
- Letter Cards
- Social and Emotional Handbook
- Adaptations/Special Needs
- Number Cards
- Family Times Take-Home Books
- Family Workshops
- Planning and Assessment Reproducibles

How do I update my account information?

Click the drop-down arrow beside your profile icon and select My Account. Click Edit profile and/or Manage products to make any changes.

How do I access OWL content for whole class instruction?

From the Teacher homepage click the Content tab, the Unit, then the Week to access the activities. You will see the English versions on top and the Spanish versions on the bottom of the list. Click the desired activity then click View to utilize this activity for whole group instruction.

Where can I learn more about the components of the program?

The Planning and Assessment Teacher's Guide will walk you through the components of the OWL day. This book will give you a good overview of OWL and instructions for Morning Meeting, Literacy Circle, Center Time, Small Groups, Story Time, Science & Social Studies, Math Circle, Extend Your Day, Wrap Up Your Day / Week, and even Research into Practice.

To access this guide click Teacher's Guide on the Teacher homepage, then you will have access to all the Unit guides, the Planning and Assessment Teacher's Guide, and the Professional Development Handbook.

Are the Interactive Big Books available in both English and Spanish?

Yes. From the Teacher homepage click Books and Readers and you will first be able to select your language - English or Español. Then you will be able to select the book by unit. There are also three additional books available: Social and Emotional, 1-2-3, and A-B-C.

Where can I find additional training and support?

www.MySavvasTraining.com delivers high-quality, product-focused training directly from Savvas's expert training team. With flexible delivery options to meet your needs and your schedule, this service provides you with timely and convenient access to a variety of product training options.

