



# **SEESAW FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

**“A HELPFUL GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND  
STUDENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR”**

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# What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is a platform for student engagement. Teachers can empower students to create, reflect, share, and collaborate. Students “show what they know” using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It’s simple to get student work in one place and share with families, and nothing is shared without teacher approval.





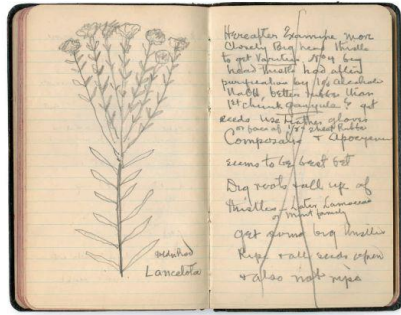
# What can families see?

- Families only have access to their child's journals.
- This means you will see student work tagged with your child's name and posts the teacher tags with 'Everyone'.
- Families will also be able to see any comment made by another user on their child's journal posts.
- **Family members cannot access any other student's content.**

The screenshot displays a digital journal interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes a user profile for 'Nat Lorente Family', a 'Home' button, and tabs for 'Journals' and 'Inbox' (with a red notification badge). Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads 'My Children > Ashley's Classes > Mrs. V's 4th Grade'. The main content area shows a journal post by 'Ashley V.' (indicated by a unicorn icon and name). The post is titled 'In response to: End of the Week Reflection (day before break)'. The reflection form is divided into four sections with prompts: 'Write about something you learned this week.', 'What was your favorite head cloud so far? Why?', 'Write about how you want to spend this week.', and 'What is something you are looking forward to doing with your family over break?'. The form is decorated with a yellow kite and a purple background. Below the form, there are social interaction buttons for 'Like' and 'Comment'. A comment from 'Mrs. V's 4th Grade' is visible, stating 'Wow, great work!'. The date 'Mar 31, 2019' is shown in the bottom right corner. Below the journal post, there is a preview of another student's work titled 'Growing Crystals', which shows a jar containing crystals, a pencil, and a sugar packet.

# What is a journal?

It's a place to record the news and events from your life.

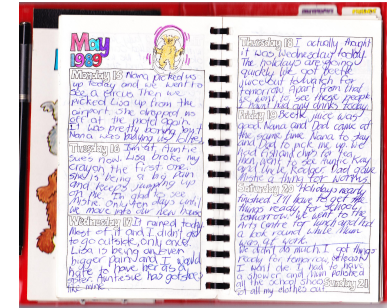


Notebook

Here are examples:



Blog



Diary



Scrapbook



Family Photo Album

# Why would I want to keep a journal?

To help me  
remember  
things,  
especially  
details

To share  
something  
cool with  
other  
people

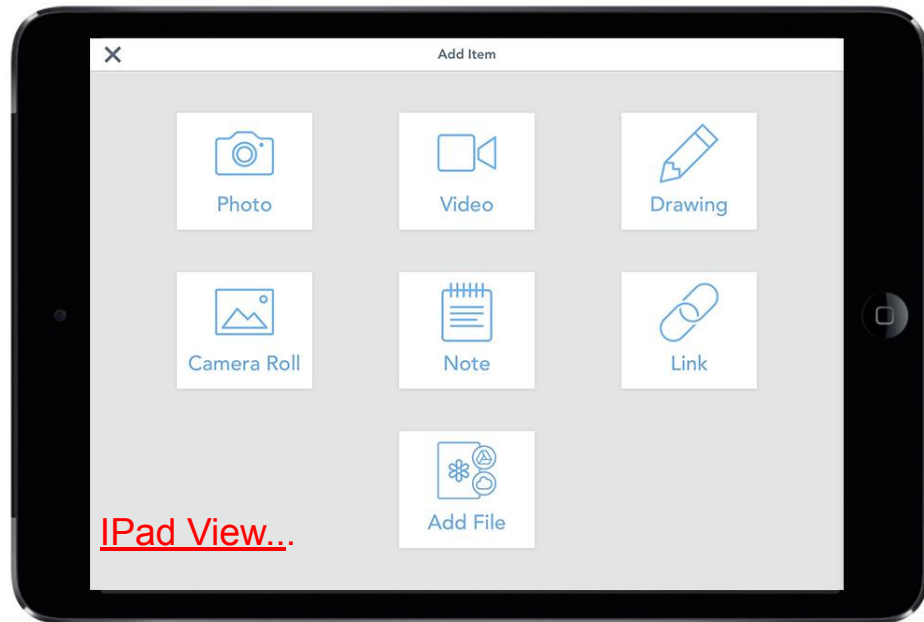
To try and  
figure  
something  
out or help  
myself solve  
a problem

So I can look  
back to see  
what was  
great or  
what was  
difficult

So I have a  
place to be  
creative and  
brainstorm  
new ideas



# In your Seesaw journal you can...



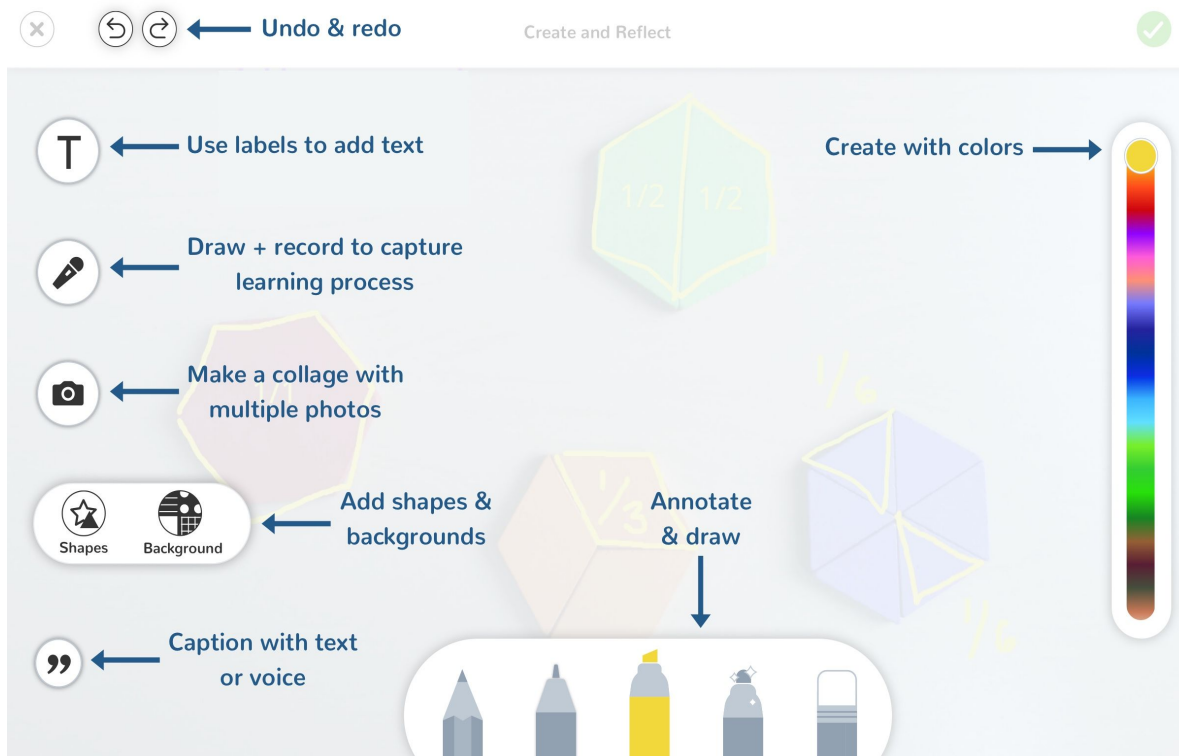
Post To Student Journal



Chromebook View...

Take a photo or video, make a drawing, write a note, share a link or add something you've made in another app.

# Where the tools are...



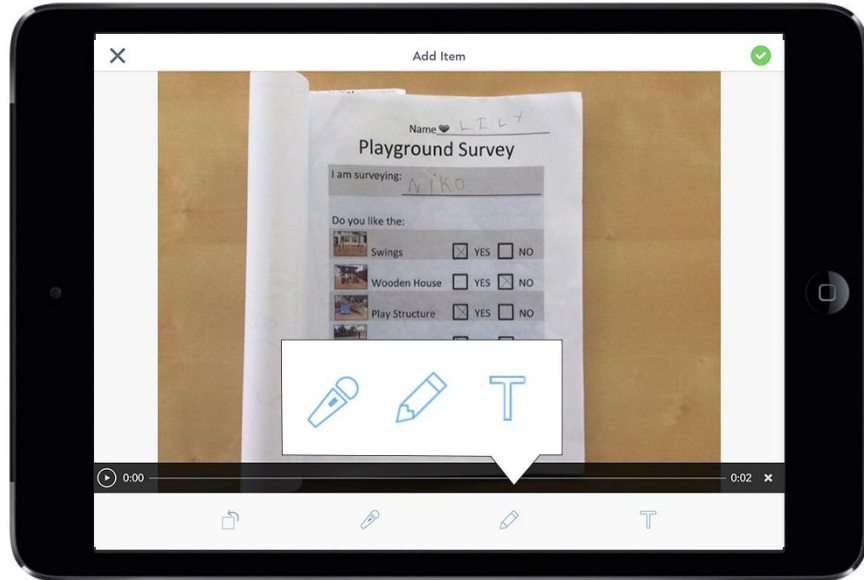
## Seesaw Icon Shortcuts

Use these shortcuts in the "Student Instructions" portion of Activities. Type in the text shortcut and it will transform into the icon after you choose SAVE!

Icon	Text Shortcut	Icon	Text Shortcut	Icon	Text Shortcut
	:seesaw:		:label:		:move:
	:add:		:mic:		:pencil:
	:photo:		:3dots:		:pen:
	:video:		:background:		:highlighter:
	:drawing:		:shapes:		:glowpen:
	:upload:		:caption:		:eraser:
	:note:		:undo:		:arrow:
	:link:		:redo:		:pause:
	:cameraroll:		:check:		:plus:
	:like:		:comment:		:blog:



# In your Seesaw journal you will see



Standard Form	Expanded Form
358	$300 + 50 + 8$
Back to drawing	Word Form
	Three hundred and fifty eight

## Place Value Practice

1. Add response Tap the add button
2. Think of a number. Tap the draw button or the **T** label button to write your number in the first box.
3. Write the number in each of the boxes using the button or the **T** button
4. Tap the record button and say your number
5. Click the green check two times

Play Instructions (0:29)

0 Responses, 0 Waiting for Approval, 4 Not Responded

Add Response

Assigned on Aug 20 at 09:06 PM

Assigned to All Students in Room 11

Template attached

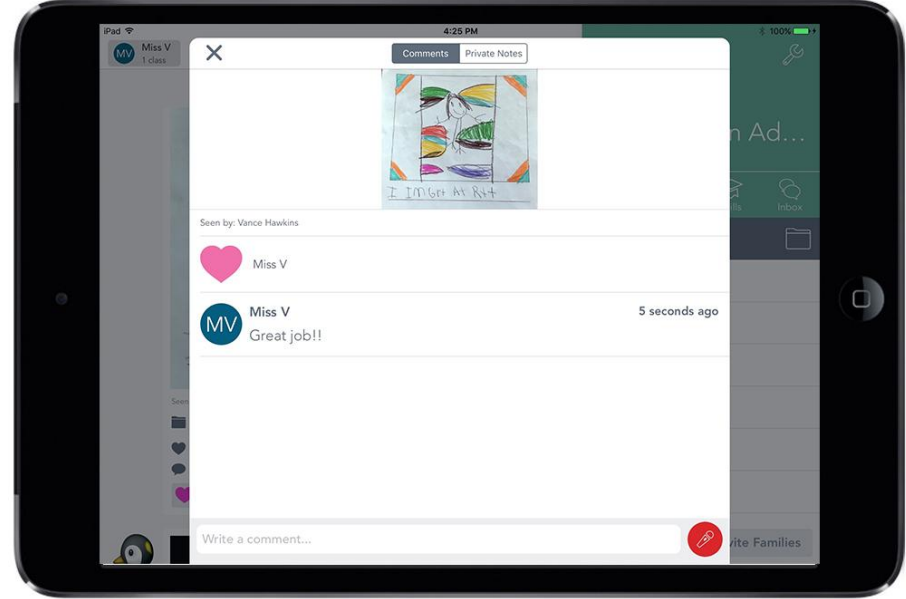


Add a voice recording, drawing or type a few sentences to explain something better or give more detail.

# You also can ...



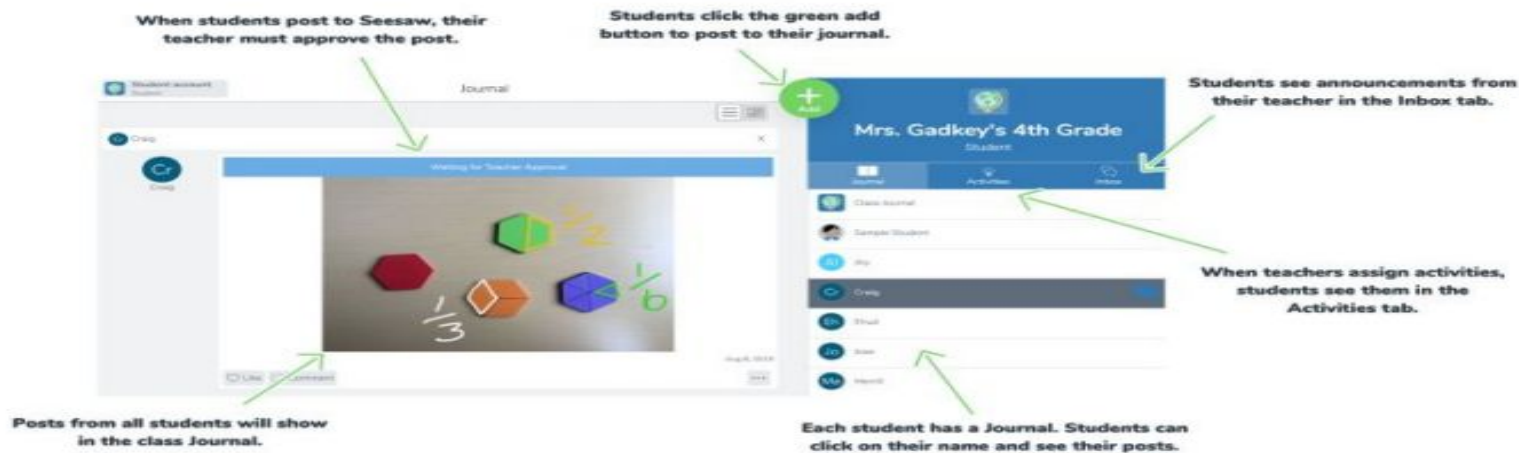
Look back at all of the cool things you've added to your journal and see how much you've learned.



Share the great stuff you're learning and doing at school with your family.

# Student/Family View

Here is a quick view of what it looks like:



# How do we get SEESAW?

**SEESAW works on all devices, even mobile ones!**

Seesaw supports all the platforms you use and seamlessly works between them, making Seesaw great for BYOD environments.



[iOS Devices  
and Apple TV](#)



[Android Devices](#)



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*\*Seesaw requires an invitation from your child's teacher in order to subscribe.*

# How To Add A Child To Your Parent Account: Option 1

## Option 1:

Scan the QR code supplied by your classroom teacher.  
Follow these steps:

1. Tap your profile icon (top left).
2. Tap “+ Add Journal”.
3. Scan the QR code on the handout from your child's teacher.

Connect to Seesaw to receive important updates from [REDACTED] and Andrea Wolff in Mrs. Nichols' and Ms. Bianchi's 2nd Grade 2020-21.

Your child will post to Seesaw to share their learning with you.

Teachers will also send you messages and reminders.

Seesaw is private. You'll only see posts created by your child or their teacher.



# How To Add A Child To Your Parent Account: Option 2

## Option 2:

With the direct email invite from your classroom teacher.

To do this, follow these simple steps:

1. Check your email.
2. Choose to connect to your child's journal.
3. Sign in to your existing Seesaw account.

## From Your Computer

1. In a web browser, go to:  
<https://app.seesaw.me/s/729-247-407>
2. Choose your child from the list
3. Create your account
4. Once you're approved by Andrea Wolff, you'll get access to Seesaw



# How To Add A Child To Your Parent Account: Option 3

## Option 3:

With a SMS invite from your classroom teacher.

To do this, follow these simple steps:

1. You will receive a SMS text message on your device
2. Open the message to see directions to connect to your child's journal.
3. You will be prompted to sign in with an existing account.

## From Your Smartphone

1. Download the free Seesaw Family app for iOS or Android
2. Choose "Create Family Account"
3. Scan this QR code using Seesaw's built-in QR code scanner
4. Create your account

# Links for Useful Resources

How to sign into Seesaw link here: [Seesaw](#)

Tour the Class App (K-1st) click here: [Seesaw Class App Tour](#)

Have more questions link here: [Seesaw Help Center](#)

How to get started link here: [Getting Started Guide](#)

Learning at Home Tips: [Resources For Families](#)

# Who do I contact if I am having problems?

Seesaw Contact For Berlin Elementary: Mrs. Wolff

[awolff@berlincentral.org](mailto:awolff@berlincentral.org) or 518-658-1500 #3022

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are having a issue, or if you would like for me to specifically show you a feature in Seesaw. I would be more than happy to show you!

Thanks so much for taking the time out of your day to watch this SEESAW Google Slides presentation!