



Berlin

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SEESAW FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

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

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.

The screenshot displays the Seesaw interface. On the left, a student's drawing is shown, featuring four figures labeled 'CARINA', 'WILLIAM', 'LARIAN', and 'MOM', and 'DAD'. The drawing is titled 'mi famale' in a green box. The drawing is dated 'Jul 12, 2017' and is 'Published to Blog'. Below the drawing are options to 'Like', 'Comment', and share. On the right, the teacher's dashboard is visible, titled '2nd Grade Superstars' and 'Teacher'. The dashboard includes a navigation bar with 'Journal', 'Activities', 'Inbox', 'Skills', and 'Blog'. Below the navigation bar, there is a list of students with their names and the number of items they have shared: Jamie (3 items), Kunal (3 items), Lauren (3 items), Liza (3 items), Parth (3 items), Ryan (3 items), and Ting (2 items).



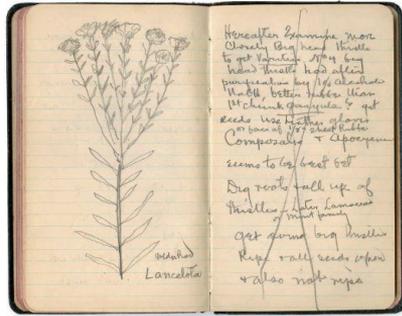
What can families see?

- 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, there is a navigation bar with 'NL Nat Lorente Family', 'Home', 'Journals', and 'Inbox 1'. 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 W' (indicated by a unicorn icon) titled 'In response to: End of the Week Reflection (day before break)'. The post features a worksheet titled 'END OF THE WEEK reflection' with four writing prompts: 'Write about something you learned this week.', 'What was your favorite head about so far? Why?', 'Write about how you were kind this week.', and 'What is something you are looking forward to doing with your family over break?'. The worksheet includes a drawing of a yellow kite. Below the worksheet, there are comments from 'Mrs. V's 4th Grade' and 'Chris T. Hogwarts', with a 'Like' button and a 'Comment' button. The date 'Mar 31, 2019' is visible. At the bottom of the journal post, there is a photo of a science experiment titled 'Growing Crystals' with labels for 'Pencil', 'Jar', 'Crystals', and 'Sugar'.

What is a journal?

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

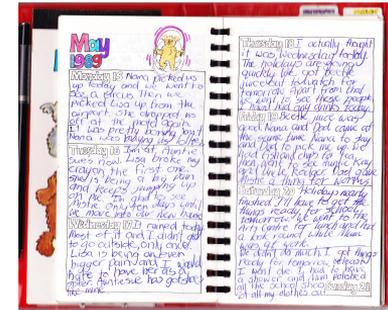


Notebook

Here are examples:



Blog



Diary



Scrapbook



Family Photo Album

Why would I want to keep a journal?

To help me remember things, especially details

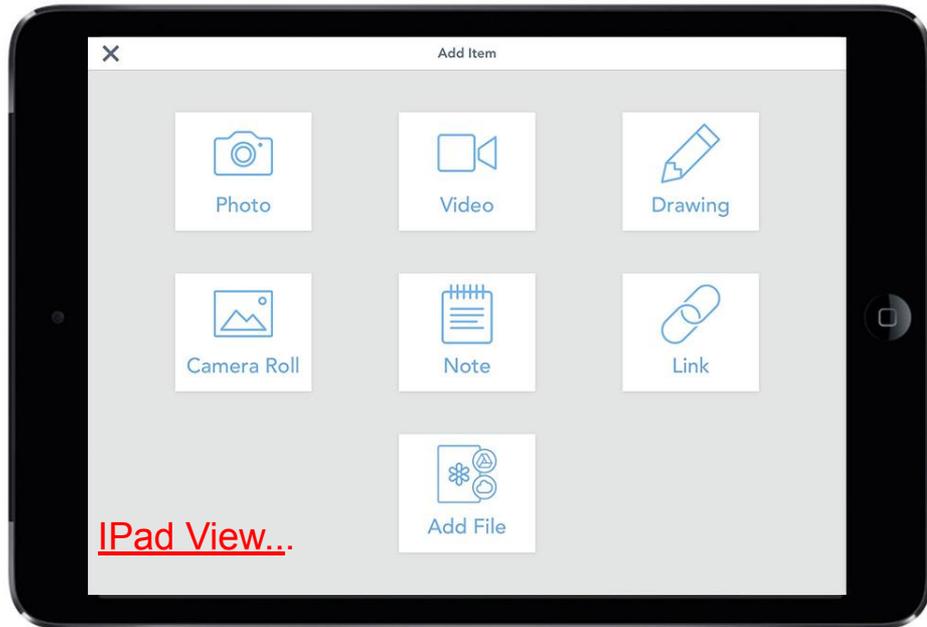
To share something cool with other people

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

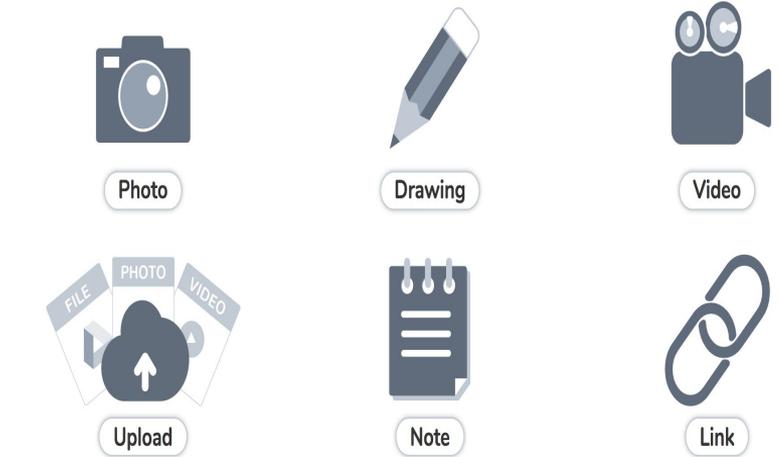
So I can look back to see what was great or what was difficult

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

In your Seesaw journal you can...



Post To Student Journal



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...

Undo & redo

Create and Reflect

Use labels to add text

Draw + record to capture learning process

Make a collage with multiple photos

Add shapes & backgrounds

Shapes Background

Caption with text or voice

Annotate & draw

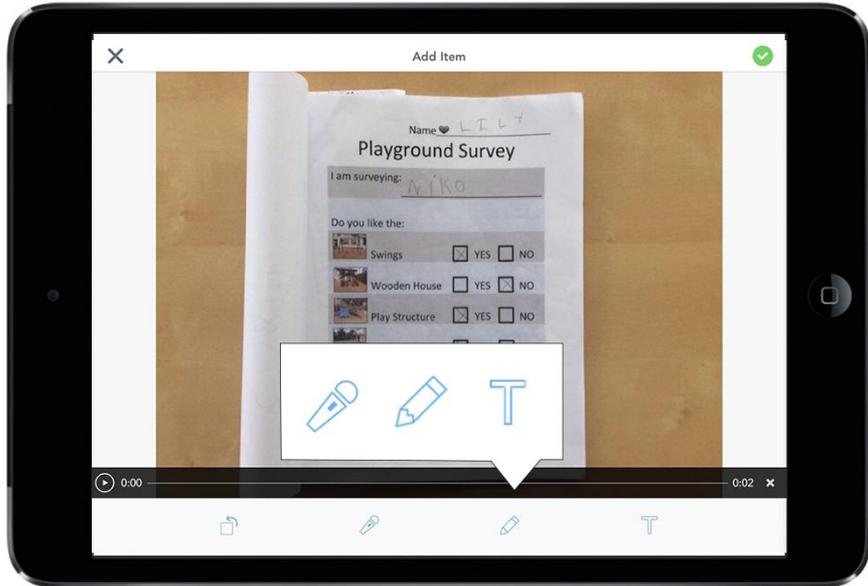
Create with colors

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	$300 + 50 + 8$
Base 10 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

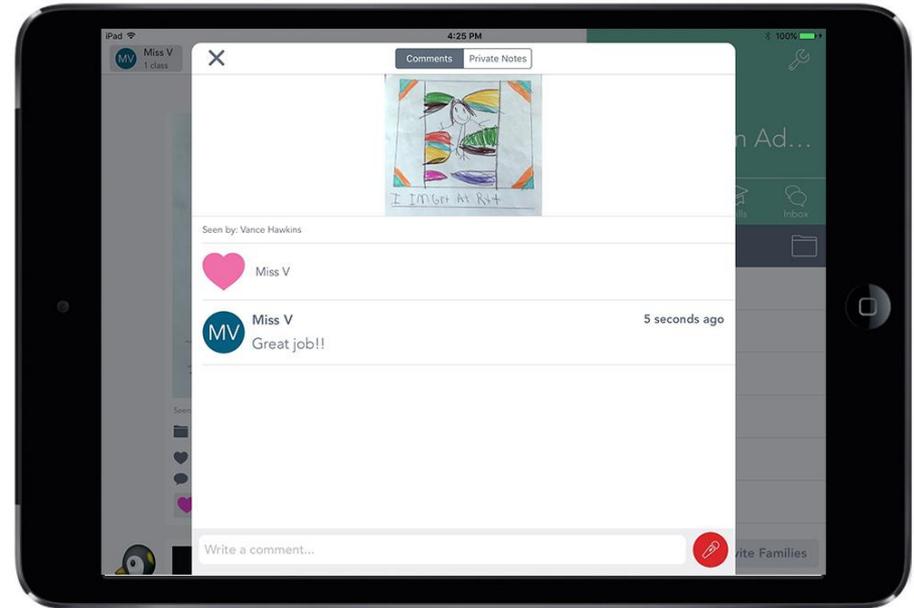
Assigned on Aug 20 at 09:06 PM

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:

The image shows a screenshot of the Seesaw Student/Family View interface. The interface is divided into two main sections: a class Journal on the left and a student's personal Journal on the right. The class Journal shows a post from a student with a photo of colorful geometric shapes and fractions. The student's personal Journal shows a list of activities assigned by the teacher, Mrs. Gadkey.

When students post to Seesaw, their teacher must approve the post. (Arrow points to the 'Waiting for Teacher Approval' status bar in the class Journal post.)

Students click the green add button to post to their journal. (Arrow points to the green plus icon in the top right corner of the student's Journal.)

Students see announcements from their teacher in the Inbox tab. (Arrow points to the 'Inbox' tab in the student's Journal.)

When teachers assign activities, students see them in the Activities tab. (Arrow points to the 'Activities' tab in the student's Journal.)

Each student has a Journal. Students can click on their name and see their posts. (Arrow points to the student's name in the list of activities.)

Posts from all students will show in the class Journal. (Arrow points to the class Journal post.)

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](#)



[Chromebooks](#)



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Chrome or Firefox](#)

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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?

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