Seesaw

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Today's Agenda and Goals

- What is Seesaw?
- Why should I use it?
- Experience Seesaw as a Student
- Classroom Ideas and Examples
- Class Setup & Time Saving Tips
- Digital Citizenship
- Questions, Help and Resources
What is Seesaw?

A digital portfolio that collects students’ digital and physical work in one place. Everything is organized, making assessment and conferences easier!

A space that each student can own. Built-in tools make it easy for students to capture their learning, reflect, and develop new skills.

A parent communication tool that seamlessly shares what’s going on in your classroom and builds a strong school-home community.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbADgksW2L8
60 teachers sharing one word that describes Seesaw!
Why Teachers ❤️ Seesaw

- Empowers students to document their learning as it happens.
- Develops students’ writing skills, reflection skills and critical thinking skills.
- Develops 21st Century skills in safe, moderated environment.
Why Teachers ♥ Seesaw

- Creates a strong community around learning by involving families
- Organizes and shares digital creations and classroom activities
- Saves time on assessments, conferences, and newsletters
Experience

as a Student

Grab a device & get ready to create
Before we begin, let's look at the first tool.

Camera is built-in and kid friendly.

- rotate
- record voice
- draw on it
- add caption or label
Let’s jump in!
Join our class

sign out if you are signed in as a teacher
Project 1
Sign-in and Add a Photo

Watch me model the steps, then go for it!
Various views depending on device

iPad/Android/Kindle

app.seesaw.me

Chromebook/Web
iPad/Android/Kindle
built-in QR reader pops up

Chromebook/ Web
Scan QR code, or put in class code
Two options for signing-in

iPad/Android/Kindle

Chromebook/Web

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Stand up and scan QR poster

Scan QR poster or Type class code

Sign in with a temporary text code
CLASS CODE

Email / Google Account

I'm not a student
Today, you can stand up and scan the QR code

OR

You can type the text code to join our class.
Tap the green add button
Tap photo and take a selfie, or show us a picture of your view
● Type your name, title, and any additional info you want to share
  Tap ✔ if you are “done with that part”
Preview your work and option to annotate in another way. Tap 'done with that part'.
Find your student number & tap next to it. Touch the correct number to add it to your Seesaw journal.
Your item is added after teacher approval
Try it out!

First **Seesaw** entry

- Take a selfie or photo of your view
- Type your name and info you want to share
- Add it to the journal that matches your teacher number
Let’s check in with our class

Here’s what it looks like right now from the teacher perspective as items are waiting for approval
Classroom Examples
Let's listen to a few
**Explain a math concept**

**Science reflections**

**I can read this week’s sight words.**

- there
- about
- explain
- school
- where
- because
- able
- between
- different
- couldn’t

**writer’s workshop**

**assessment checks**
Reflect, document, & plan during...
Project based learning
Makerspace
Genius Hour

Defining parallel lines

Collaborative group predictions

High school - info pics
Padlet link saved
Historical characters project

Journal writing with peer feedback

ELA: synonyms

When I got to school today, I realized that I left my homework at home. This was not something I was thinking was going to happen today because I worked really hard to finish it. We kinda had a busy night last night, but I made sure to do it.

Right away when I saw that it was not in my backpack, I sort of panicked. I told one of my friends about it and they said, I should just tell Mrs. Johnson. They said that she would understand and not get mad. I never forget my homework.

When I talked with Mrs. Johnson she told me that I should just bring it to school tomorrow. WOW! That was a relief! Now, I can actually not worry about that anymore.

Jessie W.: I’m glad you told Mrs. J. I have not forgotten my homework, but I think you did a good job writing about how it felt to find out. How do you think it would sound if you added more details at the end?

Kim D.: This would make me nervous too! At least someone helped you figure out what you should do. That was a good idea to ask someone.
Project 2
Use the Drawing Tool
- Draw 3 ways you could use Seesaw
- Explain a math concept or problem
- Try adding a photo, draw on it, and add your voice
- Get hands-on with the materials
Project 3
Use the Video Tool
Record a partner reading a book aloud, then swap.
Use the built-in annotation tools to add layers of content to your work.

- Type a text caption explaining the key message of the book.
Project 4
Complete an Activity
Click on the Activities tab and you’ll see one activity Waiting for a Response.

Read or listen to the instructions for the activity.

Click the Add button to choose your tool and to respond!
Not sure which tool to pick? Listen to the instructions again! (Hint: pick Note!)

When you have completed the activity, be sure to click the green checkmark to add your activity to your journal!
This is what students see when their completed activity is waiting for teacher approval.

If you click the Activities tab again, you should see no activities waiting for your response.
Awesome job!

Now you’ve seen first hand how students will add items to their Seesaw Journals!
Class Setup and Class Settings Help

If you need help setting up your Seesaw class or changing class settings, use these resources.

- Follow the [Class Setup Checklist](#)

Watch how to set up a Class Code Class [video]

Watch how to set up an Email Class [video]
Time Saving Tip
Send Newsletters with Seesaw

**Idea 1:** Use the Note tool to write up notes for the upcoming week. Just a 1, 2, 3 list is fine! Tag with “Everyone” to send home to all parents.

![Note](image)

**Welcome to Seesaw!**

We’ll be using Seesaw to share what your child is doing in school. I’ll also use it to share classroom updates and announcements. You can reply in the comments if you have questions.

**This Week:**
1. 🔴 Math: x7 multiplication tables
2. 📚 Social studies: Mummies and Ancient Egypt
3. 📚 Reading: 15 minutes per night! Book Talks coming soon.
4. 📚 Spelling test Friday: Unit 3 spelling words
5. 🎈 Book Fair next week!

**Idea 2:** Create a word cloud with topics from the week using [http://www.wordclouds.com/](http://www.wordclouds.com/) or Word Clouds app. Upload using the Camera Roll/Upload File tool. Record a voice recording explaining what students did this week.
Time Saving Tip

Use Folders to Organize Work

Watch the video to learn how to create and use folders!
Time Saving Tip
Save digital creations from many apps into Seesaw. Photos, videos, links, PDFs—all go into Seesaw!

See a list compatible apps here
Make your plan

What are your next three steps with Seesaw?

Copy and edit the note I pushed to the feed and save to your journal
Ready to create your Seesaw account? Watch this video to get started!
Scan to Get FREE Seesaw Plus!

Sign up for a Teacher Account then scan my code!

You will get an extra month of Seesaw Plus (Seesaw’s premium service for teachers) added to your account. You can start your Plus trial anytime!

Swap out this QR promo code for your promo code. Get your unique code in Gear Menu > Share Seesaw. You’ll get an extra month of Seesaw Plus for everyone who scans your code!
GETTING STARTED GUIDES

- Available for all grades
  - Teacher checklist
  - Seesaw student challenge
  - Certificates

- ideas.seesaw.me
FREE WEBINARS

- Live and recorded webinars
- Great for PD
- Ideas and tips

web.seesaw.me/pds
Connect with other teachers using Seesaw

Follow @Seesaw on Twitter
Check out the “Seesaw Teachers” group on Facebook
Go to help.seesaw.me for resources
Contact me as well!

Thank You!
More Student Examples to Browse Later
Student Samples from Kindergarten - 2nd

- ELA: Words that rhyme
- ELA: Flip instruction
- ELA: Retelling a story
- ELA: Letter recognition
- Math: Odd and even numbers
- Math: 3D shape hunt
- Math: Making numbers
- Science: Melting ice
- Science: Newton’s laws of motion
- Assessment: Sight words
- Assessment: Oral counting
Student Samples from 3rd – 5th Grade

- ELA: Reading summary
- ELA: Spelling rules
- ELA: Synonyms
- Math: Equivalent fractions
- Math: Finding area of a polygon
- Science: Weather predictions
- Science: Groundhog predictions
Student Samples from Middle & High School

- English: InfoPics
- English: Book Mosaics
- Emoji Vocab (right)
- Writing Portfolio (right)
- Speech: Visual Aids for Speeches/Presentations
- History: Character/Historical Figure ChatterVids