

### Seesaw

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Seesaw is the best platform for empowering students to demonstrate and share their learning. Students use powerful tools in the Seesaw app to create, reflect and demonstrate learning. When students share their learning in their Seesaw portfolio, teachers and families gain valuable insights into what their students know and can better support their development throughout the school year. Teachers tell us that students who use Seesaw feel empowered, motivated and proud, and that they are engaged in more meaningful ways.

Although, Seesaw is described as a "student-driven digital portfolio" or a "platform for student engagement", it is being used around the world by schools to assign minilessons and activities for students during school closure. Accessible via the web or an app, it allows teachers to find or create activities for their class (similar to more traditional handouts), which students can then complete on their phones by taking pictures, recording videos, using drawing tools, typing, etc. Family members have access to their child's work and can leave comments and encouragement. Activities and curricula can be shared / streamlined across schools, school networks, and districts.

Source: Supporting the continuation of teaching and learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic Annotated resources for online learning, Fernando Reimers, Global Education Innovation Initiative, Harvard University Andreas Schleicher, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

#### The Basics:

- Seesaw is used in over 200,000 classrooms, over 150 countries, and 1 out of 2 schools in the US
- The core Seesaw experience is free for individual teachers and always will be
- Seesaw works on any device, shared or one-to-one

- Seesaw is a platform for student engagement that inspires students of all ages to do their best, and saves teachers time!
- Students use Seesaw's tools to demonstrate learning.
- Teachers see what students know and get ideas for activities in Seesaw.
- Families see their child's work and leave comments and encouragement.

### What Can Teachers Do with Seesaw?

- Unlock creativity for all students in any subject
- Gain insights to meet students where they are
- Engage families in conversations centered on student learning
- Give students a space for ownership and choice
- Get inspiration and ideas for your classroom
- Celebrate and recognize student progress

#### **How Seesaw works**

- Students show learning
- Students use built-in multimodal tools to capture what they know in Seesaw's digital portfolio
- Teachers gain insights
- Teachers see all stages of student thinking and progress enabling them to teach better
- Families connect
- Families gain a window into their student's learning and engage in home-to-school connections

# Unlock creative thinking for all students in any subject

Students explore a variety of powerful and intuitive multimodal tools (like draw+record, collage, video, and more!) to show what they know in the way that works best for them

# Gain insights to meet your students where they are

Understand strengths and areas for growth in real time. Seesaw's multimodal tools can be used to differentiate instruction and meet the needs of all your students.

## Engage families in conversation centered on student learning

Connect families to see student work and celebrate progress. Up to ten family members can stay in the loop using the Parent and Family app (iOS, Android) or on web

## Provide space for voice, choice, and ownership

Portfolios empower self-reflection on learning over time and engage students in creating something they're proud to share with others

#### Get inspiration for your classroom

Choose from thousands of engaging activities to use seamlessly within Seesaw. Search by grade level, subject, and keyword to find activities made by educators.

#### Seesaw for Feedback and Reflection

Seesaw is a place not only where student work can be stored, but where teachers and peers can provide encouragement, constructive criticism, and suggestions for improvement. An authentic audience of peers can encourage students to do their best work. Teachers have the opportunity to review any comments before they are posted to ensure that feedback is constructive & appropriate.

### Seesaw for Assignments & Assessment

Seesaw can be used to do student assessments, collect work, and give direct private feedback to students. This makes Seesaw primarily a place where students and teachers can interact around their work.

#### Seesaw for Family Engagement

Seesaw provides a way to communicate with families and keep them in the loop on the learning their child is doing at school. Students add posts to Seesaw that they are proud of in a self-directed way, as well as work their teacher has assigned. Students are motivated to do better work when they know their families will provide immediate feedback during the day or ask them about it that evening.

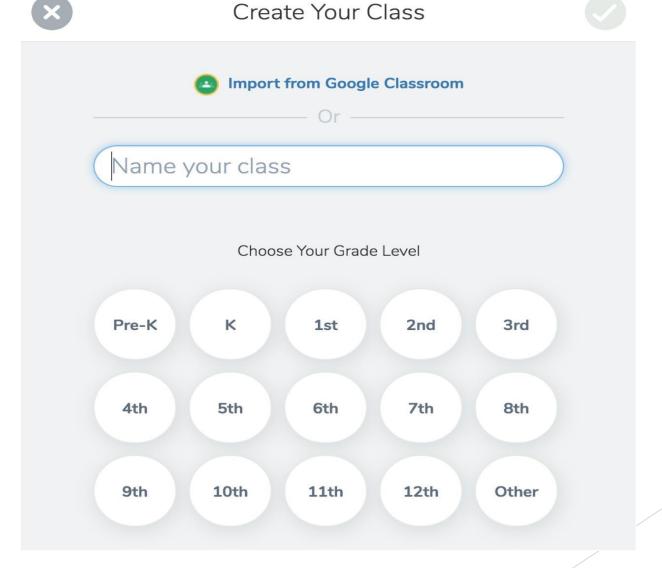
#### How do I set up my class?

Create a teacher account at <u>app.seesaw.me</u> on Chrome, Edge, or Firefox or download the Seesaw Class app. Select "I'm a teacher" to get started!



I'm a Seesaw for Schools Administrator

Create your class and give it a name and grade level.

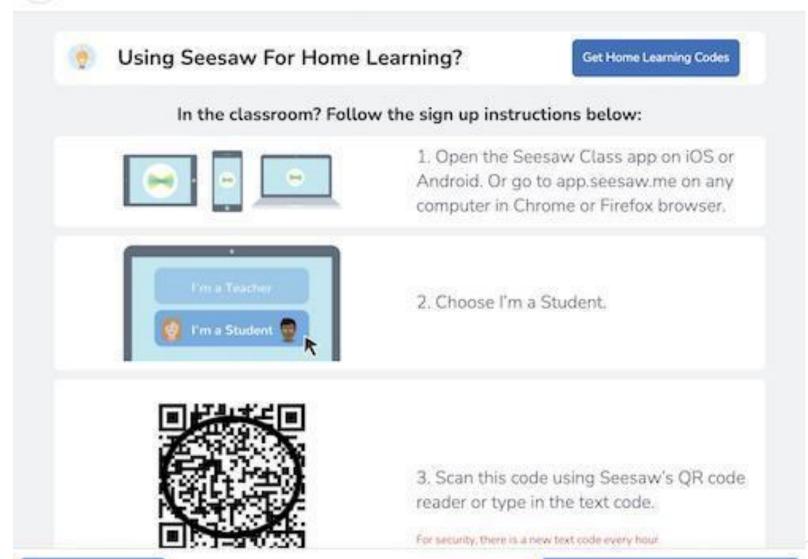


### Help students sign in to Seesaw. You can add up to 150 students in each Seesaw class.

Class Code Sign In: Finish adding your students' names by tapping + Students. Then, Print your Class QR Code poster for students to use to sign in. To find this Tap "+ Students" (bottom right, under the class list) > tap Print student sign in poster. Students will choose "I'm a student" from the Seesaw Class App, then the blue "scan code" button and then scan your class QR code.



#### Get Students Signed In



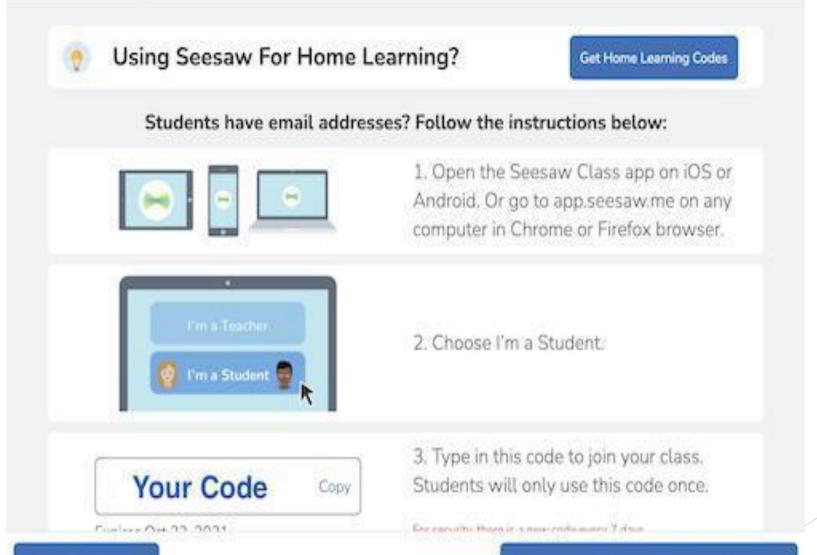
Add Students

Print Student Sign In Poster

► Email / Google Sign In: Tap "+ Students" (bottom right, under the class list). Share your Join Code with your students. They will type it in, create student accounts, and connect to your class from their devices using the Seesaw Class App.



#### Get Students Signed In



**Edit Students** 

**Email Students with Instructions** 

#### Google Classroom Rostering:

When creating your class, tap 'import from Google Classroom' to select a class to import into Seesaw. If new students are added into Google Classroom, you can tap the wrench icon, then tap 'import from Google Classroom' to re-sync the class to Seesaw. Any new students in your Google Classroom will be automatically added into your Seesaw class. No students will be removed from your Seesaw class when importing from Google Classroom.



#### Create Your Class





Name your class

Choose Your Grade Level

Pre-K K 1st 2nd 3rd

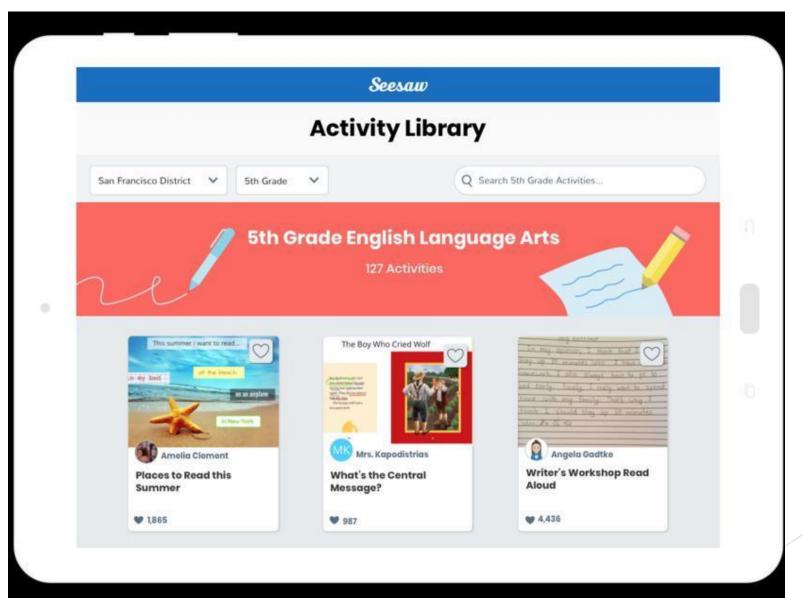
4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

9th 10th 11th 12th Other

#### **Default Class Settings**

- Class settings give you complete control over your class. By default, students can:
- See the work of other students in their class
- Edit their own work
- Edit who is tagged in posts

### **Activity Library**



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The Seesaw Community Library is a growing resource of thousands of grade-level and subject-specific activities, created by teachers in the Seesaw community. One can browse free ideas that are ready to be assigned to or modify any Activity to meet the needs of the students.

Discover thousands of teacher-tested classroom activities to inspire and engage your students

