



Guide for Families

Support Learning at Home

In 3 easy steps, create a supportive home learning environment for your child when they are prevented from going to school.

1

Get Seesaw on Your Home Device

On a tablet or mobile device, download the Seesaw Class app

On a web browser, bookmark app.seesaw.me

NOTE: The Seesaw Class app is different than the Seesaw Family app. Students use the Class app to learn at home. Check to make sure you download the right app.

2

Help Your Child to Sign In

Click 'I'm a Student'

Type the text code or scan the QR code provided by your child's school (Follow instructions at <https://seesaw.pub/SignInCode>)

Don't have a code? Your child may sign in with an email address or through Clever or ClassLink. Follow sign in instructions from your child's school.

3

Support Your Child to Complete Activities

In the Class app, click the  Activities tab to see assignments

Click  to complete an Activity

Click the  Check to submit work

Watch a Class app tutorial at <https://seesaw.pub/GSVideos>

Remote Learning FAQs for Families

Why isn't my child's sign in code working?

Check to make sure: 1) You are in the **Class app** or on app.seesaw.me, 2) You clicked 'I'm a Student', 3) You typed the sign in credentials without errors and/or are holding the QR code far enough away so the entire code is scanned. If you continue to encounter problems, reach out to your child's teacher.

Why does my child have multiple sign in codes?

Your child's teachers may be using the free version of Seesaw. Each code signs your child in to a different class. Your child needs to sign out each time they need to switch classes. We recommend hanging each code in your home learning space for easy access.

What can students do in the Class app?

Students can use Seesaw Learning Tools to post to their Journal, respond to Seesaw Activities, and see comments from their teacher. They should not be able to see other students' work while at home. If your child can see other students' work, please alert the teacher.

I have multiple children who need to use Seesaw. How can they share a device?

Your children will need to sign out each time they use Seesaw so the other can sign in. Print your child's sign in code or credentials and post them in your home learning space for easy access.

Why can't students just use the Family app at home?

The Family app is for families to see their child's work and communicate with the teacher. Students cannot respond to Activities or post to their Journals from the Family app. Students must use the Class app to learn at home.

How do I best support my child when learning from home?

Here are some student- and family-tested tips:

- + Create a distraction-free home learning space with your child:** Your child's focus is influenced by noise, conversation, electronics, and interest in the activity. Do your best to eliminate distractions.
- + Create a consistent routine for learning at home:** Routines make children feel safe, especially during times of change. Plan for 3-4 hours of learning time, since there are fewer transitions at home than there are in school. Make sure to build in time for movement, brain breaks, chores, and fun!
- + Know that you do not need to replace your child's teacher:** Provide encouragement, support, and positivity. Focus on your child's emotional health and relationships with others, and reach out to your child's teacher when your child needs academic support.
- + Look for learning moments in everyday life:** See the next page for ideas!

Tech Free Home Learning Ideas

Everyday Math

- Set or clear the dinner table: Count, multiply, subtract, and divide items
- Fold and sort laundry: Practice categorizing or making geometric shapes
- Cook together: Estimate or add up the cost of ingredients to make a meal, practice following directions, using fractions, measuring, multiplying, and more.
- Play card, dice, or board games
- Go on a scavenger hunt for various shapes or quantities of objects

Reading and Storytelling

- Make reading time special: Find or create a special place to read in your home, read while eating a special snack, or read in a new accent
- Tell stories together: They can be family stories, made up stories, fairy tales, and more
- Watch a family movie: Talk about the characters, setting, plot, and what made it a good or bad story
- My Turn Your Turn: Take turns reading sentences or paragraphs in a book
- Echo Reading: You read first and your child echos what you just read
- Act It Out: Put on a family play, acting out the parts of the story

Writing

- Write and draw as often as you can: Journal, write a thank you note, story, poem, create a family timeline, comic, illustrated book, presentation on something you care about, and more

Games to Play

- I Spy: One person describes an object and the other guesses what it is
- I'm Thinking Of: One person describes anything they can think of, even if they can't see it, and the other guesses what it is
- Rhyming Battle: One person chooses a word and the other thinks of a word that rhymes, going back and forth until someone cannot think of any more words
- Get moving! Do yoga, play red light green light, simon says, freeze dance, create an obstacle course...

Enjoy the Arts

- Listen to music: What do you like and not like? What images come to mind when listening to the song?
- Write a song together on a topic of your choice: Make it silly or poetic
- Draw, create sculptures with recycled materials, look up how to make something new and make it...