

Seesaw

PRESCHOOL

GETTING STARTED GUIDE

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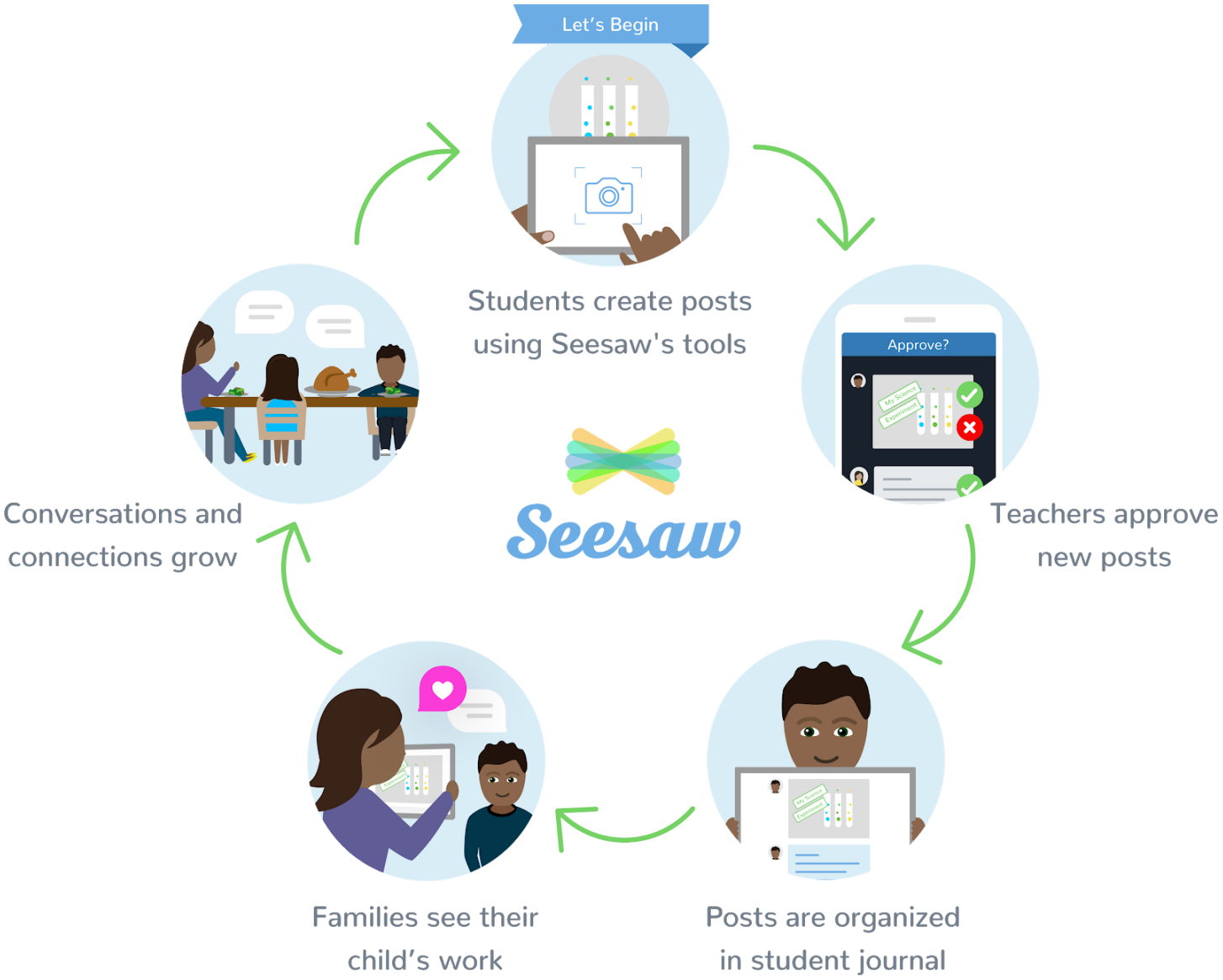
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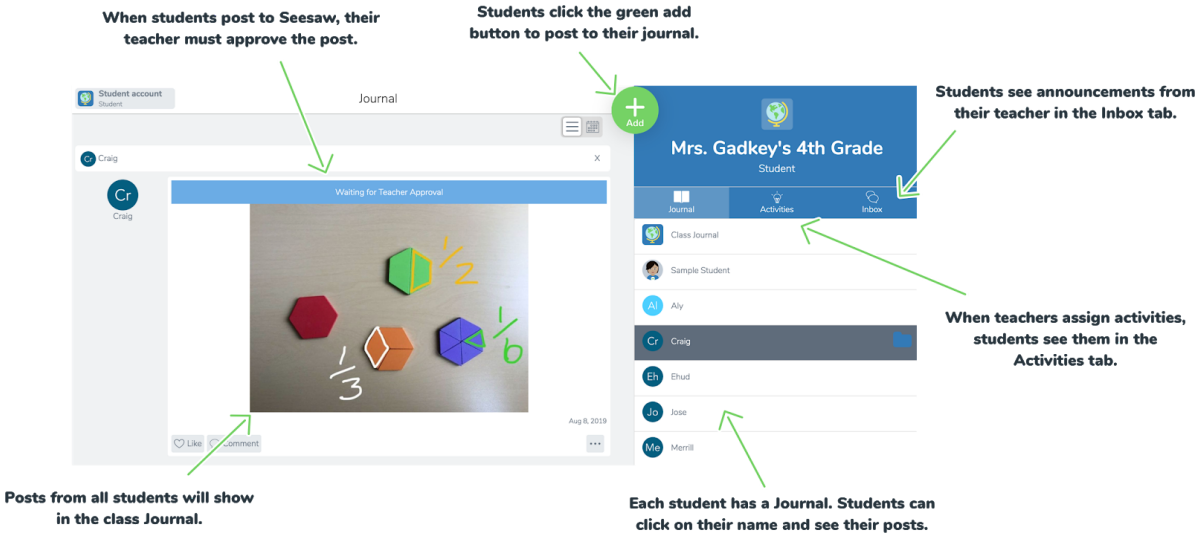
Seesaw is the best platform to meaningfully engage students in their learning. Here's how Seesaw works!



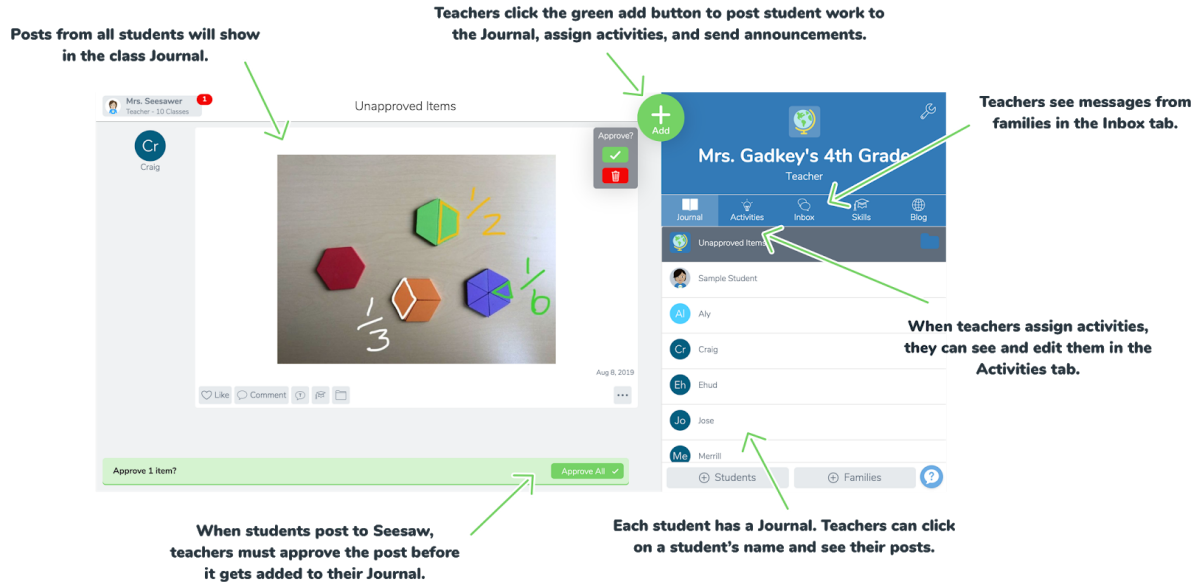
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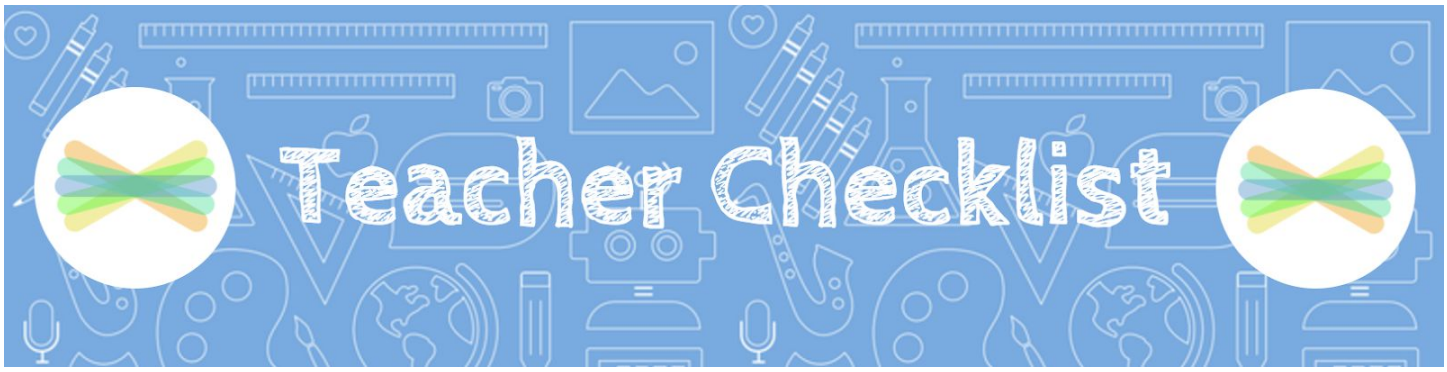
How It Works

Student View in Seesaw



Teacher View in Seesaw

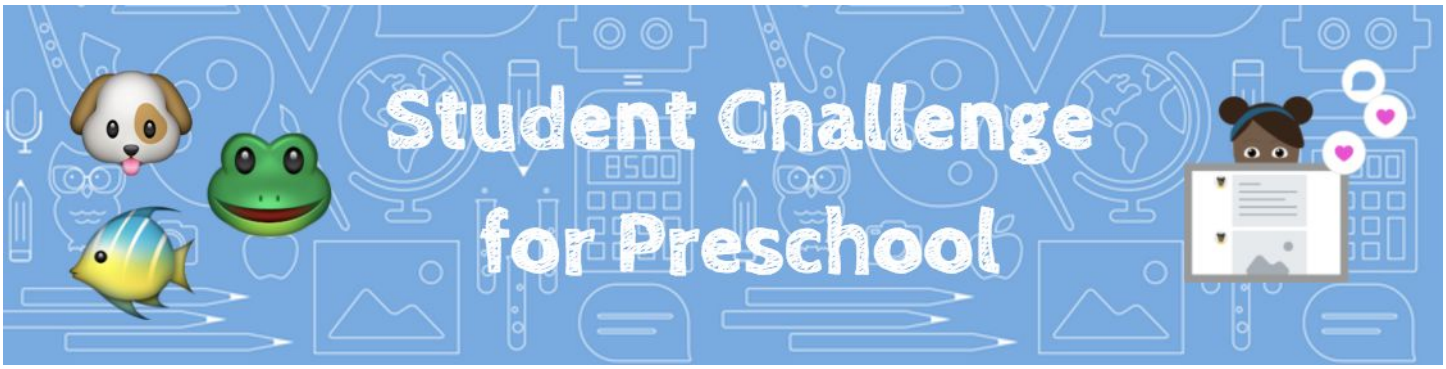




This is your step by step guide for getting started with Seesaw. Check off each step as you go and you'll be a Seesaw pro!

Teachers using the FREE app, complete Steps 1-7 Teachers whose school has purchased Seesaw, jump to Step 4		
1	**Create your account** On a computer go to app.seesaw.me and choose "I'm a Teacher"	☐
2	**Create your class** Name your class, choose a grade level, and click the green check	☐
3	**Add your students** Learn how: Click here or visit bit.ly/SeesawAddStudents	☐
Seesaw for Schools Teachers - Start Here		
4	**Create a post** Click the green +, "Post Student Work," then play!	☐
5	**Make sure student devices have Seesaw** Learn how: Click here or visit bit.ly/DownloadSeesaw	☐
6	**Print and hang your class QR poster** Sign in as a teacher, click +Students on the bottom right	☐
7	**Complete the Seesaw Student Challenge with your class** Find step-by-step lessons starting on the next page	☐

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Introduce your students to Seesaw with the following mini-lessons. Each card has steps for modeling and practice. After your students complete this challenge, they will be able to create, reflect, and demonstrate their learning in Seesaw!

Lesson 1: Purpose for keeping a journal

Time needed: 10 minutes



Digital portfolios capture learning in all forms and show growth over time. Get your class excited and emphasize the role it will play in sharing their learning.

1. Show photos or physical examples of journals and portfolios.
2. Discuss: Why do people use them?
3. Explain a few reasons why your class is going to use Seesaw (e.g. keep track and reflect on learning, share learning with families). Explain that the class is starting the Seesaw Student Challenge. When they complete all the lessons, they will be Seesaw certified!

Lesson 2: Proper handling and storage of devices

Time needed: 5 minutes



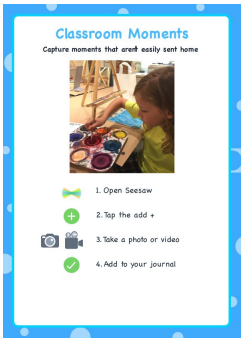
It's a good idea to introduce, model, and practice how to care for classroom devices because students will be using them frequently to document their learning in Seesaw.

1. Model and discuss the two-hand rule when carrying devices.
2. Pick a spot where devices will always be located when not in use. This allows students to quickly find a device when they're ready to add posts to Seesaw.
3. Have your students show you how they carry the device and put it back in the correct spot.

Lesson 3: Capture classroom moments

Time needed: Teachers can capture moments throughout the day

Taking photos of students as they work individually or together is a great way to capture student learning and growth over time.



1. In Seesaw, tap on the green add button. Tap Post Student Work.
2. Tap on the photo or video tool and capture special classroom moments!
3. Add captions or labels to document classroom learning.
4. Add to a specific child's journal.

Lesson 4: Signing in and signing out

Time needed: 10 minutes

You will want your students to practice scanning the QR code to sign-in so they can do this independently when they document their own learning.



1. Show your students the class QR code poster and point to the locations of the poster in your room.
2. Model the three steps shown on the poster - Tap Seesaw. Tap I'm a Student. Scan the QR code using the scanner in Seesaw.
3. Have students practice signing in.
4. Model the steps to sign out - Tap icon in upper left and 'Sign out'.
5. Have students practice signing out.

Note: If devices are already signed in, students won't need to scan the class QR code.

Lesson 5: The green + button

Time needed: 5 minutes

One of the ways students post to Seesaw is by clicking the green add button.



1. Review! Model how to open the app and scan the QR code. Let students practice.
2. Show students the green add button. Explain and demonstrate that this is where they tap first if they want to add something new to their Seesaw journal.
3. Tap the green add button and show students the types of tools they can use in Seesaw.

Lesson 6: Take a photo

Time needed: 10 minutes



Photos are a great way to capture the many ways students demonstrate learning. Once students master adding a photo, they can add other elements to the top of photos.



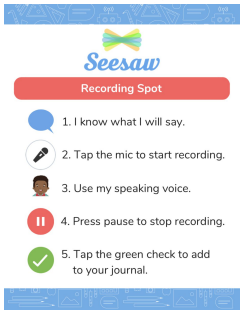
1. Test for understanding! Have students sign in and press the green add button.
2. Model how students will add a photo of their name as their first journal entry.
    - Tap photo, find their name posted in the classroom, and take a photo.
    - Tap the green check to add to Seesaw
3. Discuss appropriate and not appropriate pictures.
4. Have students add their first post.

Lesson 7: Add voice with the microphone

Time needed: 20 minutes



When students add their voice to Seesaw posts, the teacher gains deeper insight into their thinking. It's one of the easiest ways for learners to tell what they know.



1. To cut down on background noise, locate quieter spots for students to record audio. Hang up Recording Spot posters found in the Printables section.
2. Model how to use the microphone icon to record voice on a photo.
    - Take a picture and walk to the recording spot
    - Tap the microphone icon on the left
    - When finished recording, tap the green check
    - Tap the green check to add to Seesaw
3. Have students take a photo of something in the room that interests them. Then have students explain their thinking using the microphone.

Lesson 8: Tell a story

Time needed: 20 minutes



When students record their voice telling their story, you give emergent writers a chance to share their creativity. They also build oral language skills.

1. Print copies of the 'Tell a Story' task card from this guide. Post to tables.
2. Model the steps of taking a photo and recording a story.
    - Tap photo and take a picture of your drawing
    - Walk to the recording spot
    - Tap the microphone and tell the story.
3. Have students follow the task card.

Lesson 9: The drawing tool

Time needed: 20 minutes



With the drawing tool, students can start with a blank template, draw on top of photos, record their voices, and add text labels, shapes, backgrounds and more!

1. Model writing your name with Seesaw's pens.
    - Tap drawing
    - Tap any pen tool (pencil, marker, highlighter, or glow pen) and write your name
    - Tap the green check to add to Seesaw
2. Have students write their own name in their favorite color. Bonus: Students can tap the mic after writing their name. Students can then tap under each letter and say its name.

Lesson 10: Reflect on math work

Time needed: 5 minutes to model, plus additional time after your regular math lesson for students to add their learning to Seesaw.

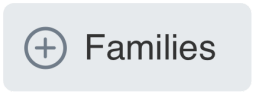


Students use many hands-on materials during math. With Seesaw, it's easy for students to take a photo of their work and reflect on their learning.

1. Print copies of the math work task card found in the Printables section and post to tables. Or project the task card on the whiteboard.
2. At the end of your math lesson, have students follow the task card. (Model first if your students need a reminder.)
3. Remind students to return devices to the designated spot in your classroom.

Lesson 11: Connect families

Time needed: 10 minutes

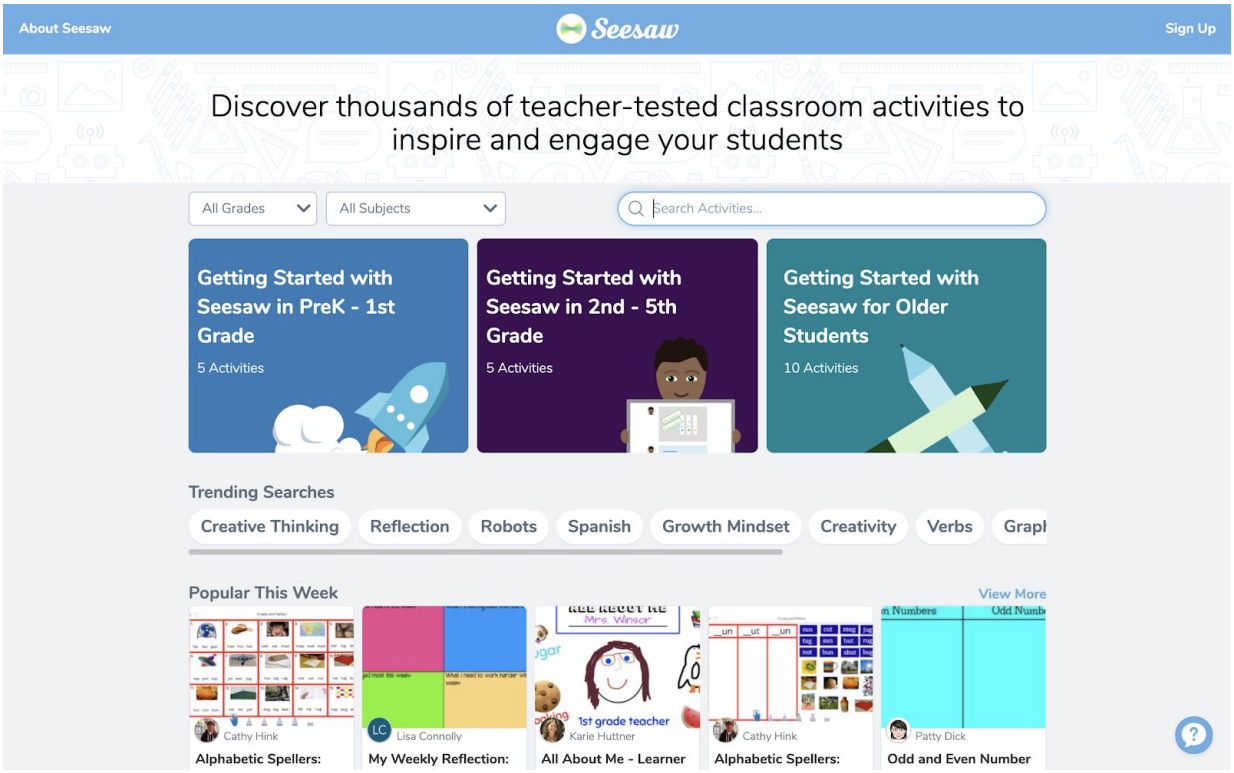


Students will be proud of their Seesaw posts. Connect families so they can see student work, celebrate progress, and engage in conversations centered on learning.

1. Print personalized invites: Click +Families on the bottom right of your screen.
2. Before students leave for the day, have them find one post in their journal that they're proud of.
3. Discuss: Who would love for their family to see this post? Why?
4. Show students the invitation for their family members to connect on Seesaw. Explain that when their family members connect, they will be able to see all the Wow! Work students post.
5. Hand out the invites to students. Make sure that each invite matches the student.

Ideas for Your Classroom

The Seesaw Activity Library has activities for all grade levels and subjects. Created by teachers, activities are ready to use in your classroom tomorrow!



Jump in and explore activities you can use in your classroom.
Visit the Activity Library here: app.seesaw.me/activities

For more information on how to customize and create your own activities, click here or visit bit.ly/LearnAboutActivities.

Next Steps



Celebrate with badges & certificates

Your students are now Seesaw certified!
Print badges or capture in Seesaw to celebrate.
(bit.ly/SeesawCertified)



Join us for free webinars

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Seesaw

Recording Spot

1. I know what I will say.

2. Tap the mic to start recording.



3. Use my speaking voice.

4. Press pause to stop recording.

5. Tap the green check to add to your journal.

Classroom Moments

Capture moments that aren't easily sent home



1. Open Seesaw

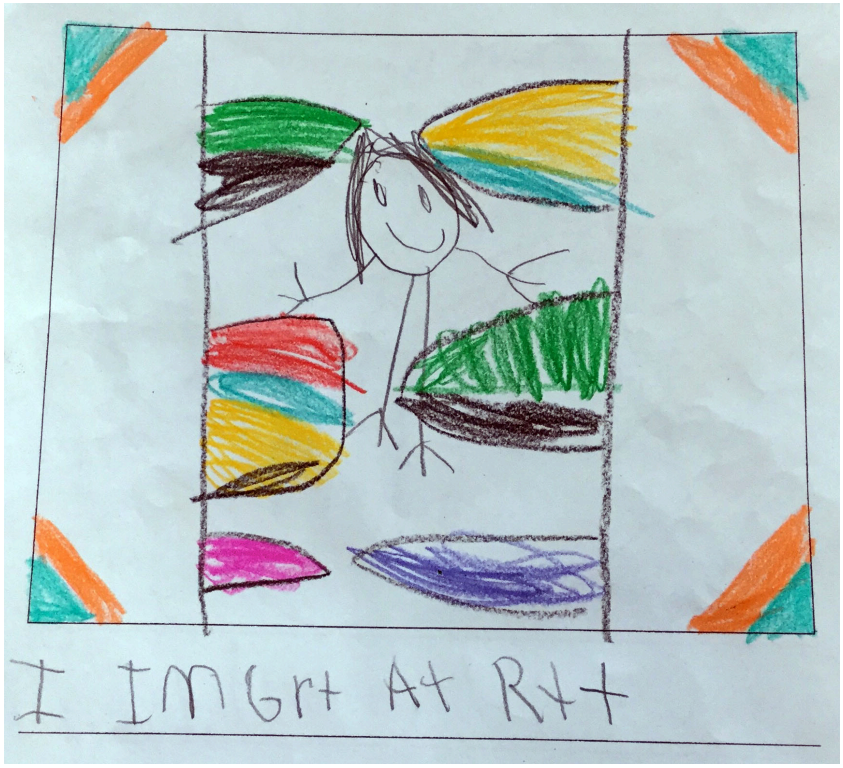
2. Tap the add +

3. Take a photo or video

4. Add to your journal

Tell A Story

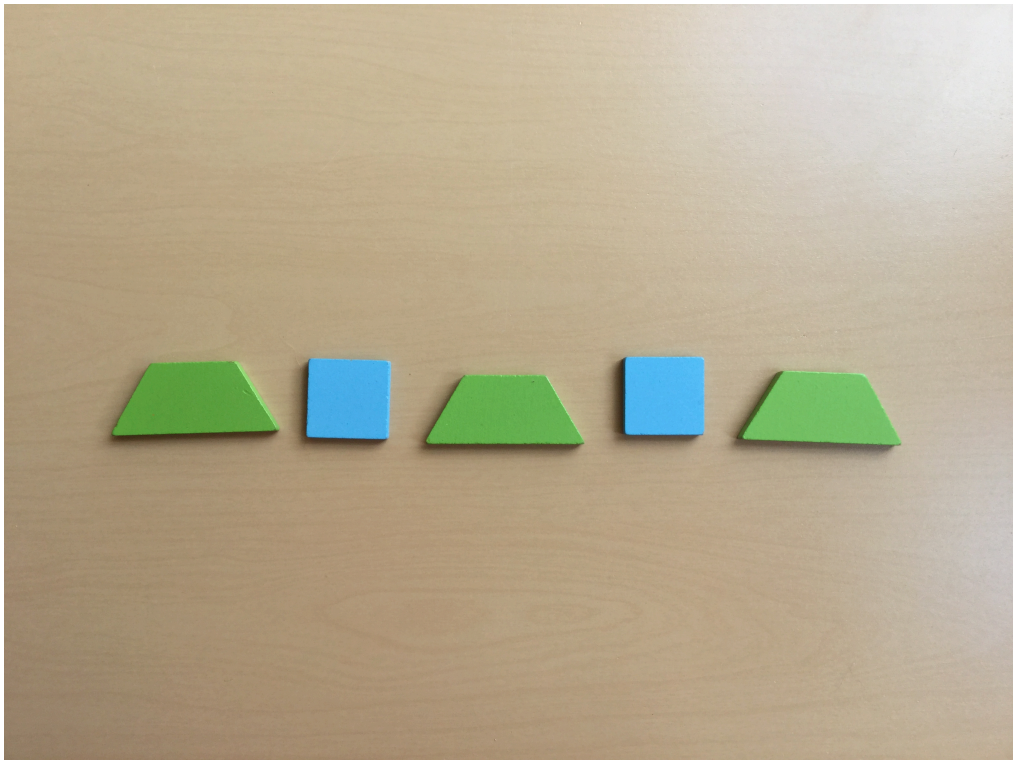
Take a picture of your story



1. Open Seesaw
2. Tap the add +
3. Take a photo
4. Tap the mic and share your story
5. Add to your journal

Math Work

Show what you know in math



1. Open Seesaw

2. Tap the add +

3. Take a photo

4. Add to your journal