



Welcome to another year of Seesaw!

We are sure you will continue to enjoy this digital portfolio experience with your child.

For our new families, last year, we introduced to the school community, the application, '**Seesaw**' which functions as a *digital portfolio* capturing and sharing with you some of your child's digital and print work. This standard approach across the school gives your child a creative tool to capture, collate and reflect on their learning in all learning areas - in real time and regularly. Then this work is shared with you, giving you a window into your child's classroom and into your child's learning process. At this stage, Seesaw supplements the existing print portfolio.

Seesaw offers a Classroom for students and Parent application which you can download for iOS, Android, or use the web to view your child's learning. When your child adds new work, you will receive a notification to see and/or hear your child's post. *You only have access to your own child's work and all of the content is stored securely.*

Please check emails from your classroom teacher(s) for instructions on how to download Seesaw if you haven't already done so; and if you require further assistance, please contact your classroom teacher. Remember to customise your notification preferences in Account Settings to receive notification about new entries in your child's journal.

Benefits of a Digital Portfolio

There are many benefits to Seesaw, the digital portfolio, as it provides you with the opportunity to support your child in their learning by:

- 1. engaging in open dialogue about your child's learning***
- 2. developing your child's oral communication and interpersonal communication proficiencies whilst discussing, expressing and reflecting and***
- 3. encouraging problem solving and reflective and critical thinking***

Questions

Specific questions are best: asking questions or complementing specific details can add to the conversation. Below is a list of some Learning questions that may guide you in your dialogue with your child. Don't worry if your child is uncertain in their answer. It can encourage deeper thinking and growth. This is part of the Learning Journey.



Learning

1. What have you learned/found out/discovered?
2. What have you been learning?
3. What is the best thing you have learned in this?
4. What does your best learning look like?
5. What makes this your best learning?
6. Explain your thinking?
7. What learning are you proud of?
8. What has helped you improve your learning?
9. What other things does this make you want to learn about?

Keep it simple
and short.

Skills

1. What skills have you used?
2. What are you better at doing now?
3. What skills have you practised?
4. What skills have you applied today?



Open Ended Questions

1. How have you been learning?
2. How has your learning improved?
3. How have you been thinking?
4. How did you do that?
5. How did you find out?
6. How do you know this?
7. How did you get to that answer?
8. How have your skills enabled/helped you to learn?

Use positive
language.

Challenge

1. What did you find challenging in this?
2. How were you challenged?
3. How did you overcome this challenge?

Progress

1. What progress/improvement do you see?
2. How do you know?
3. What is your greatest achievement?
4. What is your personal goal at school?
5. What will be your personal goal at school?
6. What do you think your next step will be?
7. How can you improve?





Your Response

1. I am pleased to see your effort in...
2. I am proud of your improvement in...
3. I can see you have tried hard to ...
4. I know you sometimes have difficulty with..., however/and ...

Useful Tips

1. **Building on Success:** Building on success is important. Rewarding effort and using a positive approach and language encourages success, promotes healthy self-esteem and a positive attitude in moving forward.
2. **Time to Think and Time to Answer:** When asking your children questions or talking to them about their digital artefact, give them time. Be patient. Wait for them to answer.
3. **Topic Appropriate Terminology:** Encourage your child to share and explain the correct terminology. This reinforces and develops their vocabulary, comprehension and listening skills.
4. **Making Connections:** Use their prior knowledge to build on and expand your child's understanding of the world. Assist them to find real-world likeness and relevance and how it can be applied in another or similar context.
5. **Open-Ended Questions:** Asking open ended questions, allows your child to include more information, including feelings, attitudes, current knowledge and understanding.



Get comfortable!

Here's to a great year connecting and journeying
with your child in their learning.