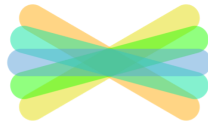




# Grand Haven Area Public Schools



## *Seesaw*

# Parent Guide

For our Y5 - 2 students, Seesaw is the primary platform for delivering lessons and assignments. The following guide will cover both the Seesaw Class App (the app your student will use) and the Seesaw Family App (the app families will use to check in on their students progress).

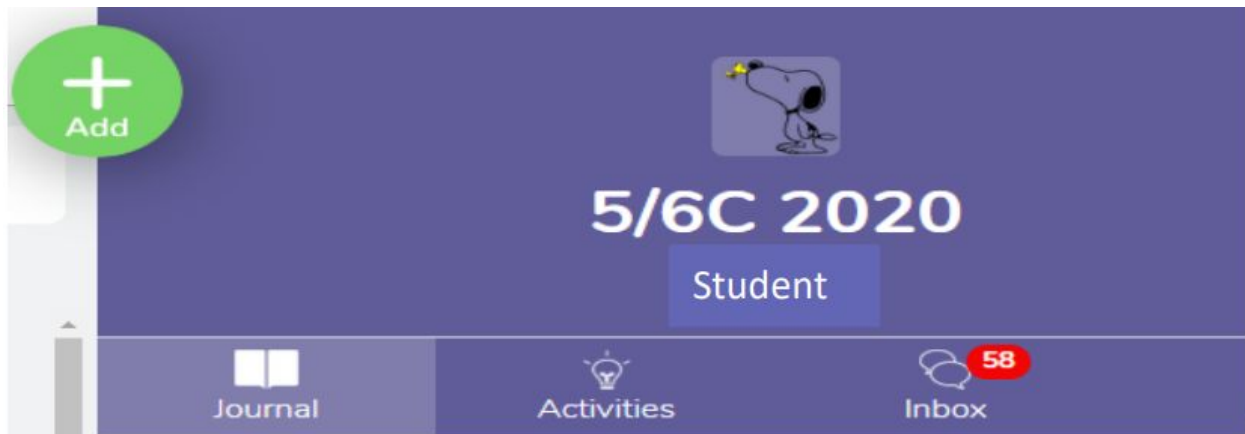
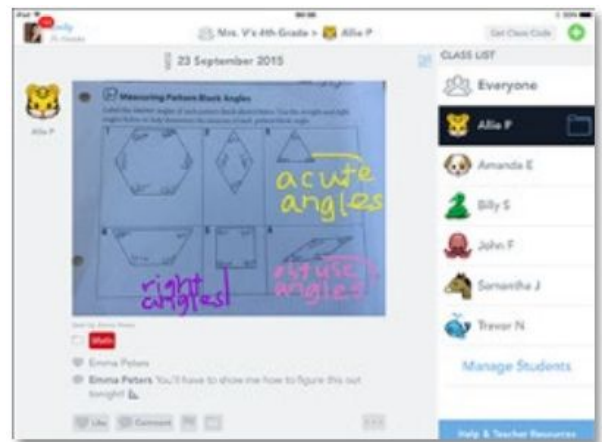
## Seesaw Class App



Open the Seesaw App on your child's iPad. The Seesaw Family App is different than the Class App. Your child should be using the CLASS APP for home learning.

## The Journal

Think of this part of the screen as your child's news feed. Your child should scroll through and see if their teacher has posted something here. Under each post a child can comment or 'heart', same as 'like' on Facebook. Your child's teacher will provide feedback to your child as a comment. Comments can be used as a tool to communicate back and forth.



### This is the Journal Tab

Your child should watch for posts from their teachers in the journal. They should watch for work that gets sent back to them for corrections.

### This is the Activities Tab

Your child should look here for videos that are recorded and posted in this tab. Daily assignments/learning tasks (called activities) may be posted in this tab.

### Inbox

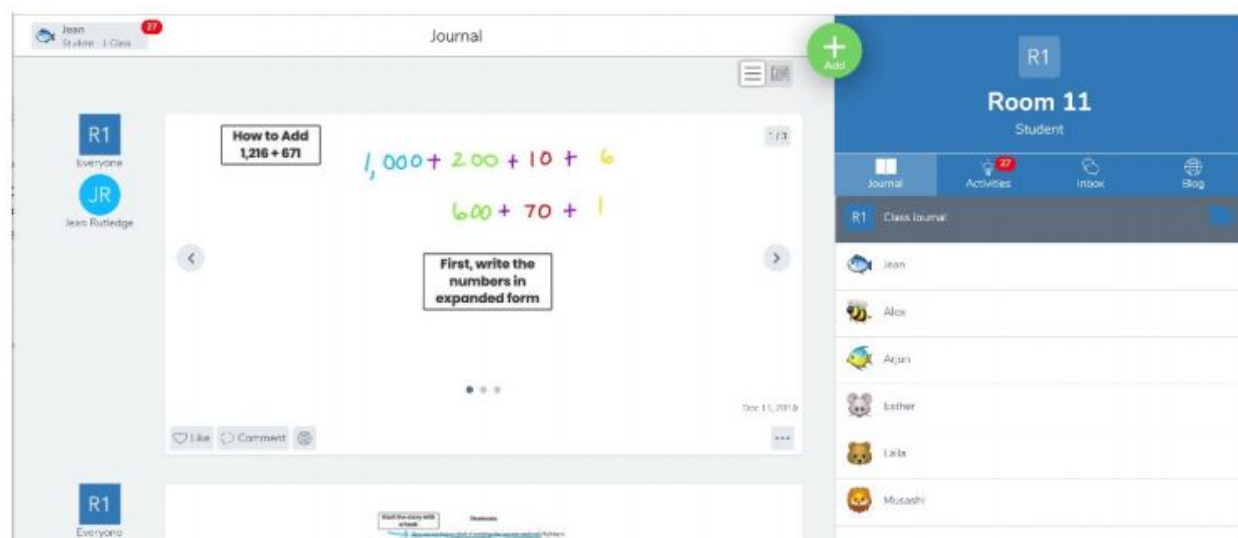
Your child's teacher could use this tab as a one way email to your child to send a message, however most communication will be via the Journal as

Students can also post questions here by using the green Add button.		this is two way communication.
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## Notifications

Your child should look for the red dots located above the Journal, Activities or Inbox. This will be their visual cue that they have things to do, look at, and/or a comment or message to read.

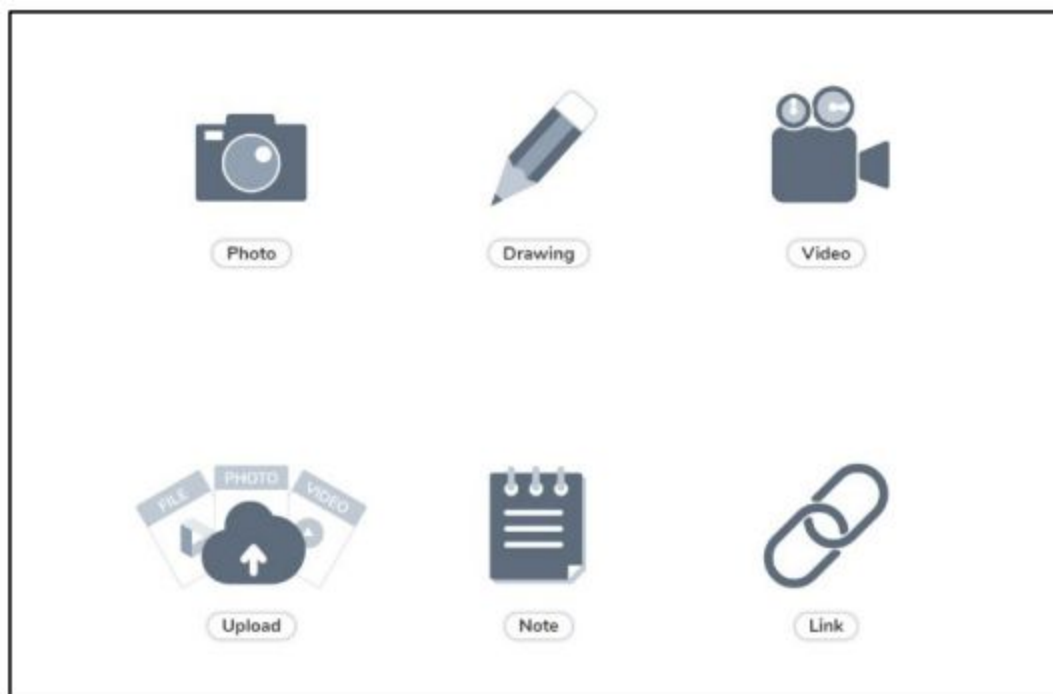
The teacher asked the student to post to the Student journal. What is this and what are all these choices?



1. To post to journal hit the green plus button on your child's profile.







2. Choose the way you would like to respond to the task:



3. Tap/Click the green check in the upper right-hand corner to submit to your teacher.



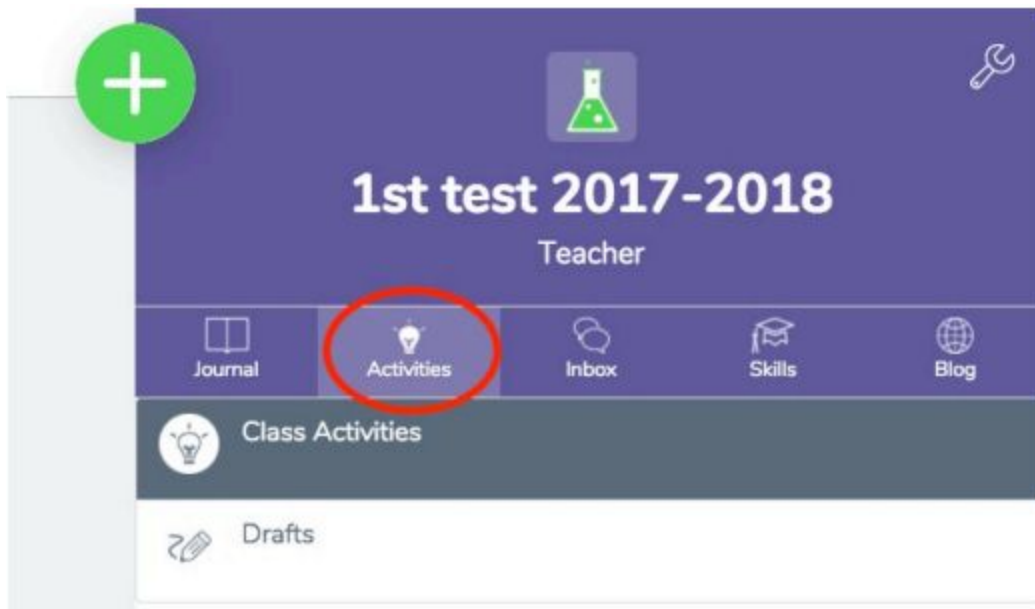
If the internet teacher-	student has a link from the they want to share with their they can use the link tool.	
If the student has a photo or video to share from their camera roll on their iPad they can use the upload button.		
If the teacher asks the student to record themselves doing something e.g. reading a short story- they can use the video tool, the video -must be under 5 minutes in length.		
If the teacher asks the student to post a picture or write the drawing tool can be used.		

If the teacher asks you to post a photo of a piece of work use the photo tool.

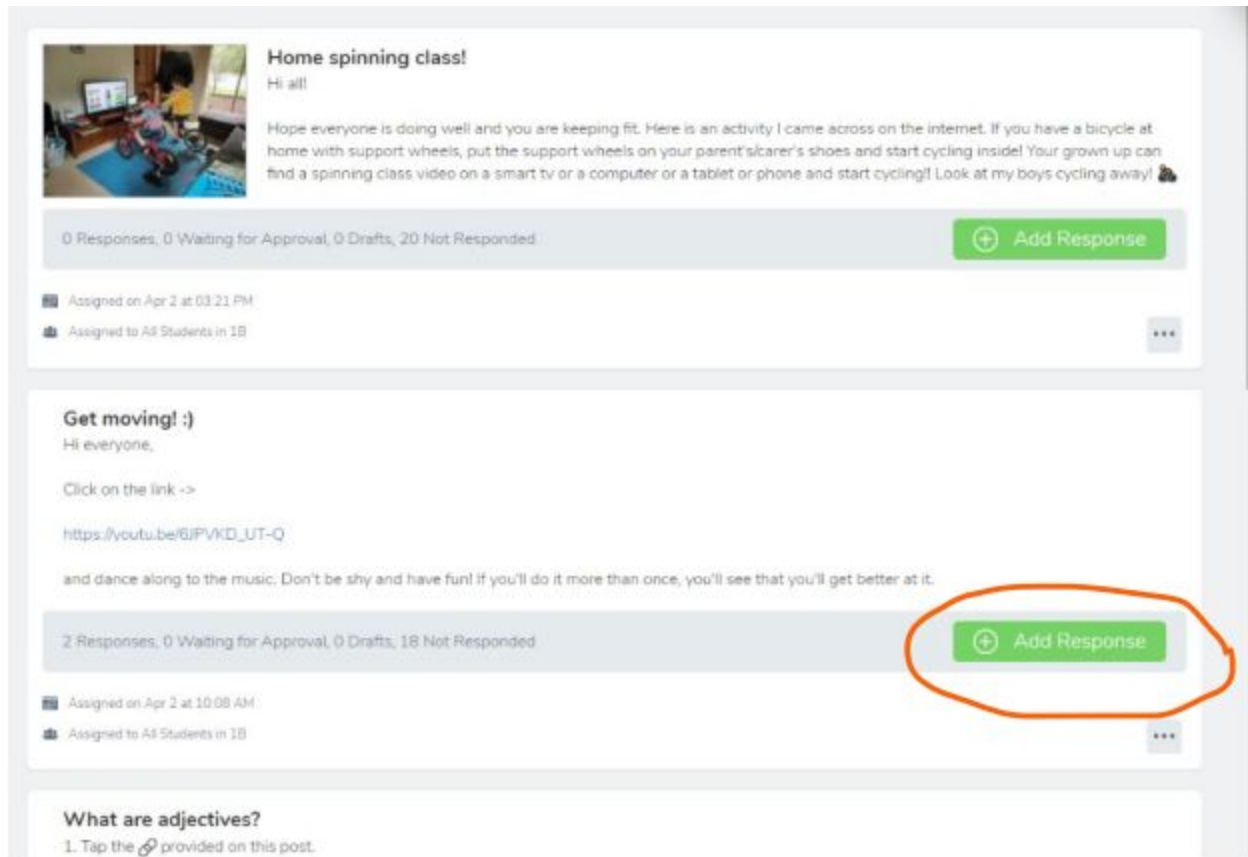


**How does my child do an activity-under the activity tab (your child's assigned assignments)?**

1. Tap/click the Activities Tab (see red oval)




On this main page- you will see the list of activities your child has been assigned. They can scroll through the list that the teacher has set. Once your child has found the activity they need to complete- they should always read the directions first.

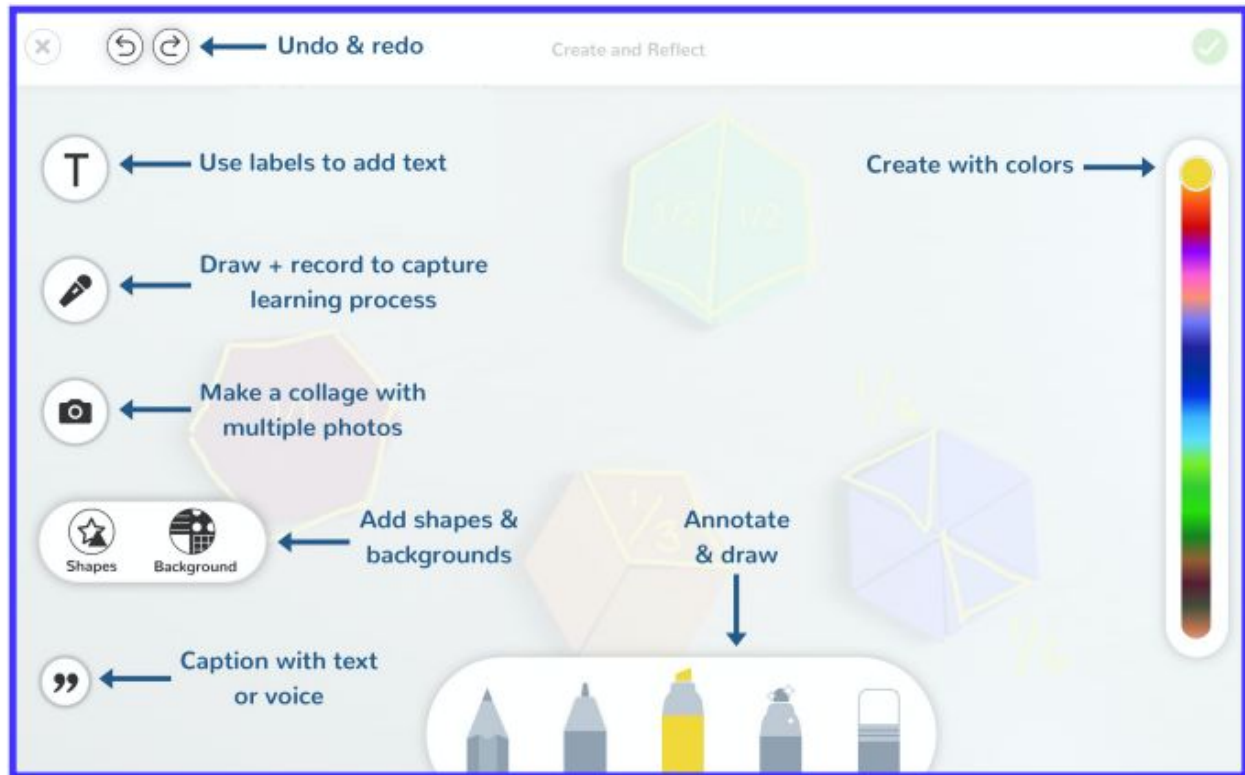


2. Each activity has an  button.

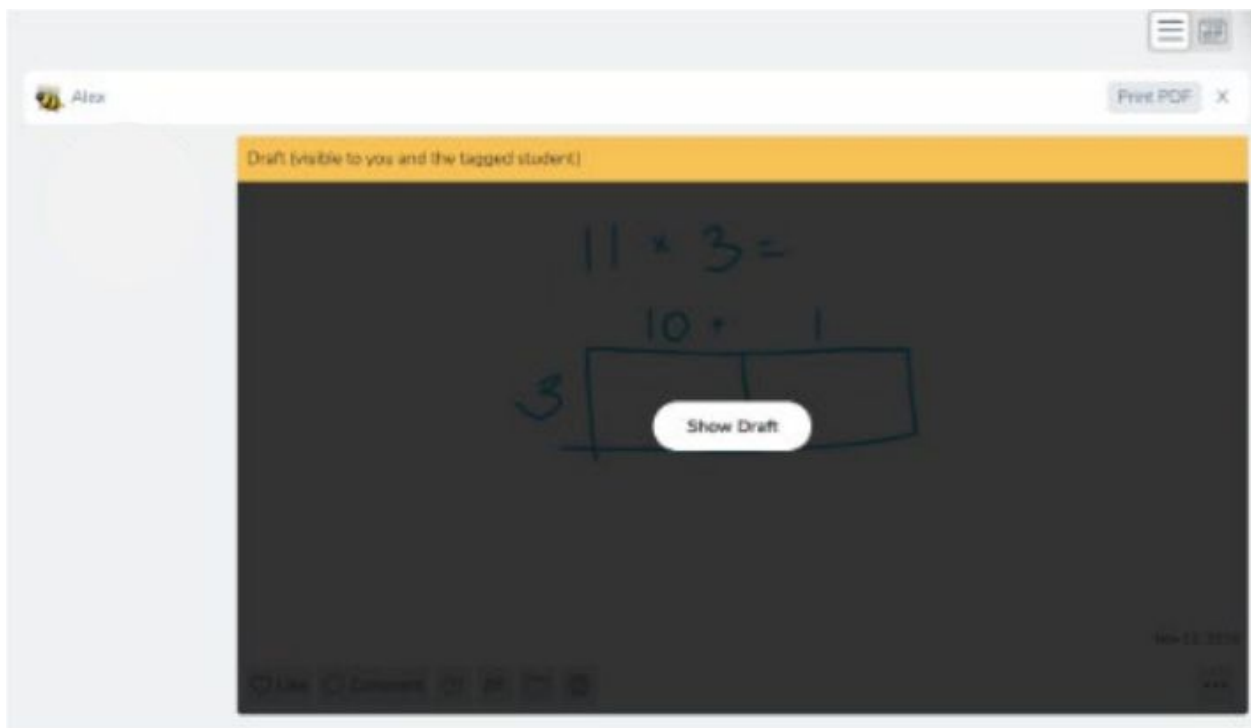
Your child should tap/click this button. Seesaw will automatically open this activity. They can re-read the directions again if they need by clicking view instructions.

3. Tap/Click the green check in the upper right-hand corner to submit to your  teacher.

**What do all these tools do?**



My child sees Draft. What is this?



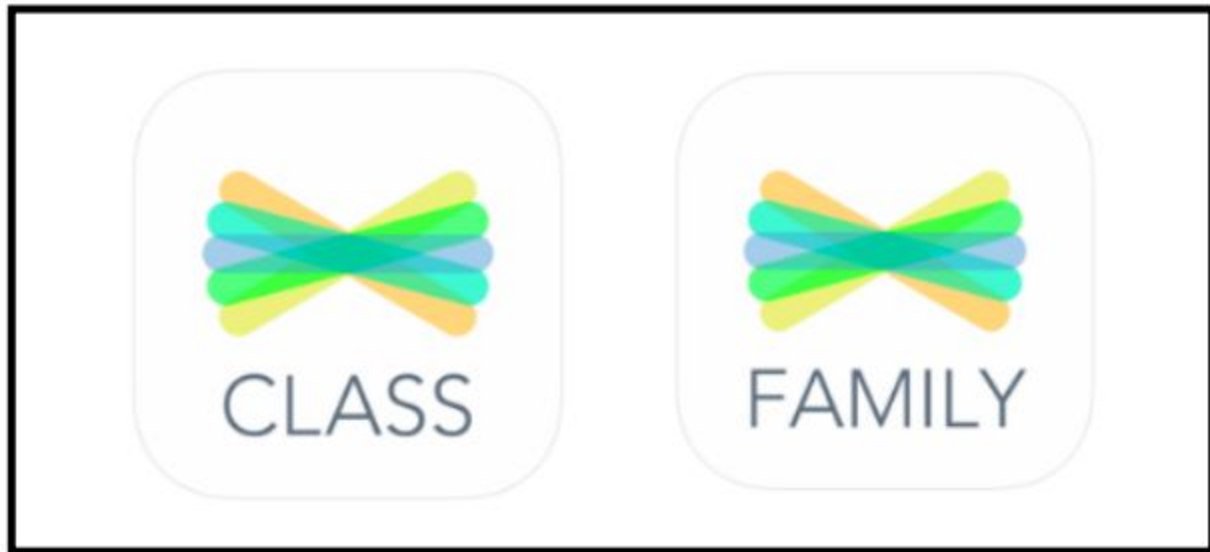
This feature indicates that your child's work has been sent back to them. The teacher is asking him/her to fix any mistakes or recheck the rework.

- You can also look in the comments to see if your teacher has sent you a clue for what you need to fix.
- Some teachers may circle things on the activity that you need to fix.
- You will need to hit the orange Edit button and Seesaw will open the activity back up.
- Once it opens the student will fix it and submit it again by hitting the green check.
- An approved assignment means the assignment has been accepted and/or graded by the teacher.

# Seesaw Family App

The Family App gives family members a view of what their child is working on in the classroom. Family members can comment on student work, view announcements, and message their child's teacher. Family accounts cannot respond to Activities or post directly to a student journal. In order to complete Activities and post student work at home, students need to log in to the Class App. Students can only complete assignments and post work from the Class App.





[Video Tour of Seesaw Family App](#)

**How do I create an account or add additional children to my account?**

[Video Explanation](#)