Connecting with Our Families and Students on Seesaw in Preparation for Distance Learning
Hi Teachers!

As we look at using Seesaw as one way to connect with students and their families, we wanted to walk you through how to be sure your families are connected, remind you how to invite them, and guide you in sending a test message out to families & students.
Just a reminder, if you are just beginning you should be able to get in (as a teacher) through Clever or at seesaw.me. Select “I'm a Teacher” and then “Teacher Sign In with Google”
Personalize Your Class!

Students and families have many “classes” when they log-in to Seesaw, so take the time to choose an icon that they will know is you or your class. You can even upload your own image! You do this through the wrench (settings) icon.
Click the wrench in the upper right corner of your home page to check the settings. Then scroll down to be sure you enabled access- the button will be green.

Some settings have been locked by district Seesaw admin. We will revisit needs to unlock options as we move forward with Distance Learning.

1. Make sure you have enabled family access.
2. Check to be sure all of your families are connected.

In settings scroll down and click “Manage Families”.

Check which families are not connected yet.
Reach out to families that are not connected.

Click here or watch this to learn the different ways you can try to connect with families.
Important Things to Note:

For weeks 1 & 2 (3/30 - 4/10) our district is not using the Seesaw Class app, so only the Seesaw Family App will be used. Be sure to send any notes as Announcements to students and family members. We will show you how later in this show. *Some students are already connected with the Class app from before we moved into Distance Learning. It is okay for students to continue using it if they already were.

In addition, this week (3/25 - 3/26) we are only making a connection on Seesaw and then on Friday (3/27) you should send a message to prepare for Monday (3/30) that includes:

- A greeting & reconnection to students and families
- The communication process (SeeSaw daily post in Announcements) for weeks 1 & 2 (3/30 - 4/10)
- That you are looking forward to March 30th, the first day of Distance Learning
Click here or watch this video to learn how to send an announcement to your students and families
★ Don’t forget to select “All Students and Family Members” from the “Send To...” drop down menu.

★ You can send videos, pictures, or upload attachments if you click the blue plus to add an attachment.

★ Request a response of some sort and keep track of which students or families you do not hear back from.
Ready for More?

Visit the [Distance Learning Website](#) Look Under “Seesaw PD & Resources” & Work Through this Slideshow
Thanks!

Any questions?

Reach out to your colleagues who have been using Seesaw or your instructional coach.
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