Dear Eagle Creek families,

Welcome to Seesaw, the way in which Eagle Creek's teachers will communicate with you.

Getting Going
This note is just a start. After you've dipped your feet in the water, please ask for help. We can show you how to login, see pictures of your child, read and respond to messages, locate your child's progress reports, and much more. Please ask us!

Class Activities
We love to send pictures of class activities with the goal of triggering dinner-time discussion. These pictures may showcase your child or other children, but they will give you the gist of what we're doing at school.

Your Child's Progress
We will also use Seesaw to share your child's personal progress. The teachers may send pictures, videos, checklists and messages. Your child may also upload his work. For example, if he writes a paragraph about bumblebees in a Google doc, he may upload it directly to Seesaw. Don't worry ~ siblings and other families will not have access.

Folders
The teachers and your child will organize your child's work into his personal folders within Seesaw. Some folders may be: Language Arts, Math, and Creativity. This helps you access items at any time. It will also help you see progression as you look through a folder.

Progress vs. Perfection
One of our goals is to communicate with you often, showing both work-in-progress and final products. This means you will see errors and growth in the items in Seesaw. You will see a story about progress, not a perfect portfolio. Remember: that's the goal.

Portfolios & Scrapbooks
If you would like to create a portfolio of your child's best work, or if you would like to create a family scrapbook, you may copy any item out of your child's Seesaw folders. We won't be doing that at school, but you may enjoy doing it at home!

Class Paperwork

The teachers will also send class paperwork through Seesaw. This includes permission slips for class field trips and invitations to class events such as Donuts with Dads. The teachers will save these items to your child's Seesaw folder called Paperwork.

Whole-school Paperwork

If a teacher sends information through Seesaw about a whole-school topic, such as Pizza Lunch, it will also be saved in your child's Paperwork folder. Remember, the teachers send home only some of the whole-school information. For the rest of it, make sure you check the emails from the office.

Child Participation

Children love to upload their work to Seesaw. Building a year-long window into their academic life is a great way for them to follow their growth and gain self-confidence. This is one of the best features of Seesaw.

Children's Cameras

Children adore taking pictures of their work and uploading to Seesaw. In fact, this is the easiest and most popular way for kids to put things on Seesaw. To do this, children may use any device that has a camera.

We know that some ECA parents have blocked the cameras on their children's devices. If you are comfortable unblocking your child's camera, we would appreciate it. We especially hope that all children in grades 4 and up will be able to use their cameras.

If you don't want to unblock your child's camera, we understand, and we have an alternate plan. We are planning to ask for one iPad per classroom (as part of the Teacher Wish Lists). That way, each classroom will have at least one supervised device with a camera.

As usual, online safety is important to us. Teaching children to use cameras appropriately in an online world is a bit like teaching children to look both ways before crossing the street: it must be taught and monitored and retaught and still monitored.

Adding Other Family Members to Seesaw

You may give other family members, such as grandparents, access to your child's Seesaw account and set it up so they see only the photos and videos, and not the private messages about your child's progress. Talk to your child's teacher.

Remember

Save your Seesaw login and password. We don't know them and can't retrieve them for you.

Seesaw Links

How to Login
On a computer or Chromebook: use Chrome, Firefox or Edge, and go to
https://web.seesaw.me/.

How to Download Seesaw
On Android, Kindle Fire, and iOS including iPad and iPod: go to
https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/204687495-What-platforms-and-operating-systems-does-Seesaw-support-

How to Use Seesaw
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fztA8m_4U5A&list=PLb__lPS6CQsBXEFRgRoTv4_a26C4fYhvN&index=24
This link shows parents how to see the feed, see the calendar view, bring up the most recent notifications, look in folders, move between siblings, and read and send messages.

Watch a Student Add an Item to a Folder
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXE9ZArIPio

How to Attach any Document or Photo from the Google Drive to Seesaw
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wibF6c1L1r8&list=PLb__lPS6CQsBXEFRgRoTv4_a26C4fYhvN&index=16

Seesaw's Privacy Policy
https://web.seesaw.me/privacy-policy

Conclusion
Seesaw is a powerful, efficient and fun tool, and we can't wait to discover all its applications. It's going to be great!