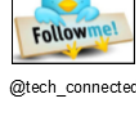


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## 100 Ways Students Use Seesaw

It's wonderful to hear about fun, engaging apps that can be utilized at a variety of grade levels. Seesaw is exactly that and more. Here are 100 ways for students to use Seesaw and suggestions on where to look for more ideas.

Share writer's workshop stories with voice recordings	Give a book talk	Record a science experiment & explain	Connect with peers globally
Model and practice digital citizenship	Record thinking to solve a math problem.	Demonstrate a skill	Create a class blog
Document growth over time using multiple formats	Make a scavenger hunt with QR codes	Differentiate instruction for a small group	Empower students to lead conferences
Engage families with insights from the classroom	Create audio /visual newsletters	Retell a story from a character's perspective	Document a makerspace project
Reflect during genius hour projects	Practice commenting and giving feedback to peers	Capture stages of projects in art and science	Support oral language development and storytelling
Organize and share digital creations from other apps	Provide choice for students to show what they know	Visit and learn with classrooms around the world via Seesaw Blogs	Empower students to manage workflow independently
Code with Apple's Swift Playgrounds. Save into Seesaw.	Record and share reader's theater	Draw self-portraits, app smash with Chatterpix, and record a goal!	Send a message to a student who is out sick.
Organize genius hour resource with students. links, videos,	Model an activity	Create quick screencasts to personalize learning	App smash with Book Creator. Save to Seesaw as video or PDF
Create a class for a school-wide makerspace. Students share	Add a quick note or reminders to families	Make interactive bulletin board w/ QR codes	Encourage student self-reflection through videos
Give students with special needs voice & tools to capture strengths	Create green screen projects with Doink and post to Seesaw.	App Smash with Tellagami for storytelling or word work.	Share your code.org projects in Seesaw and teach your parents!
Support ELL families and students. Audio record in any language.	Share book trailers created in iMovie.	Record reading fluency. Students evaluate oral reading.	Share Adobe Spark videos on Seesaw.
Record differentiated spelling words, students listen & rec	Implement in after school clubs to share learning	Share links to resources with students and parents	Create a class for Read Across America and share favorite books
Encourage collaboration - Show how you worked through a task.	Post an illustration then write and tell about it.	Create talking flashcards	Share links to Google Forms with students and/or parents
Interact with authentic world around you - find 3D shapes	Share an important memo to families!	Capture skills during physical education	Share safe video links with students made using SafeShare.tv
Practice musical instruments. See growth and progress over time!	Select work from Google drive and share with an audience via Seesaw	Maintain connection to families working overseas or traveling	Record an interview with an expert
Create tutorials with Shadow Puppet EDU videos for next year	Take a picture of your art and write a haiku poem about it	Encourage students to take over the weekly newsletter	Write notes to your class when you're at a workshop
AppSmash w/ditty.com for creative reminders	Invite specials teachers as co-teachers to connect	Use copy-edit tool students complete "exit slips"	Video a difficult concept and make it available for class review
Record oral counting 1:1	Screen-capture Raz-Kids reports and set goals, share with parents	Create skills and view progress over time	Post information for homework and have peers respond
Create "commercials" to promote events at school	Choose "Best work" Put in a "Best of" folder for reflection	App-Smash with Shadow Puppet to create a "Guess My Number"	Share photos or videos with parents by posting to "Everyone"
Create with the suite of built-in drawing tools	Follow Flat Stanley's adventures over the summer	Capture photos of physical creations & "take them home"	Create a folder just for common websites. Enter links
Create how to videos and print out QR code for the students	Set goals. Update progress every nine weeks. Cheer successes	Share animal research in Doink, to Book Creator export as video to Seesaw.	Print QR codes to do a blended lesson in the classroom.
Showcase student work via Apple TV or SMARTboard	Advertise a book. Make a commercial and "sell" it to others	Share a class with pen pals. Write, share pictures, and ask questions.	State learning goals with "I can..." and show what you know.
Share special events with families who could not attend	Promote active learning during PD. Create a class and share examples	Create folders to organize work	Send a letter with an interactive QR code that shares Seesaw post
Video record a science experiment in action. Reflect after	Listen to stories from peers around the world via Seesaw Blogs	Read aloud a story and narrate a new ending	Add Seesaw QR codes to books to you can hear peers read them.
Rethink paper/pencil assessments. Encourage multiple formats	Use video to capture communication via sign language	Build, test, redesign. Capture process & reflections	Create narrated digital stories with Shadow Puppet EDU and save

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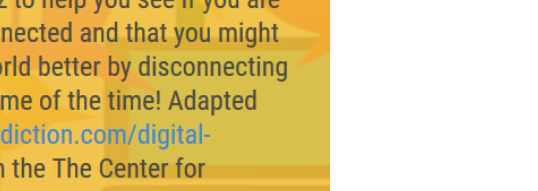
\*For other great ideas on how to use Seesaw be sure to click on "Help" while signed into Seesaw. There are numerous ideas categorized by grade levels.

\*There are also several Seesaw Facebook groups to follow. Just search one of the items listed below:

- \*Seesaw
- \*Seesaw Teachers
- \*Seesaw Teachers: \_\_\_\_\_ grade (just enter in your grade level)

Thanks to elementary technology teacher Jamie Heiser for sharing here Seesaw expertise! If you have any tech tips you'd like to share please send them to [mmcnamara@hpschools.org](mailto:mmcnamara@hpschools.org) and they'll be included in a future issue of Well Connected!

Have you checked out our Innovation website? We're highlighting classroom projects, innovative ideas and more. Submit your photos and share your classroom stories!



<https://www.hpschools.org/innovation>

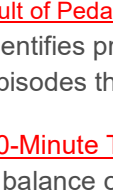
Congratulations to **Stacey Smith** and **Lynette Laming** for submitting the correct answer in February's newsletter quiz. Your prizes are on the way! (*The answer was B, the "s" in https:// means the information on the site is encrypted.*)

Good luck to all this month!

### Digital Distraction Test

A simple 12 item quiz to help you see if you are a bit too digitally connected and that you might connect with your world better by disconnecting from your devices some of the time! Adapted from <http://virtual-addiction.com/digital-distraction-test/> from The Center for Internet and Technology Addiction

**Let's go!**



### Podcasts

If you haven't been listening to podcasts, you don't know what you're missing! There are so many different genres, there truly is something for everyone. According to a recent article in FreshU, a few of the benefits of listening are:

- You'll become more imaginative. In a recent study done by Pompeu Fabra University, it was found that listeners of podcasts generate more vivid images in their minds and have high levels of emotional involvement in their story.
- You'll learn new things. Podcasts are available in a variety of lengths and subject areas.
- Podcasts are easy to listen to while you're doing something else. Perfect for driving, waiting in the doctor's office, doing chores, etc.
- Learn about the world and gain empathy. Podcast content is available from many different perspectives and voices. Through exploration of these perspectives you will open your mind and feel more empathy towards the experiences of others.
- If you like to read for pleasure but find it difficult to set aside the time, there are plenty of storytelling podcasts available. Great for study halls, long car rides or plane trips!
- Podcasts are a great way for students to share what they've learned, or express their knowledge of a subject they're passionate about.

#### Popular Education Podcasts to Try:

**Cult of Pedagogy** - Former middle school language arts teacher Jennifer Gonzalez identifies problems that plague educators and offers solid solutions in short, simple episodes that cover teaching strategies, classroom management, and edtech.

**10-Minute Teacher Podcast** - Vicki Davis offers a different theme each weekday in a balance of inspiration and practical tips. Her 10-minute format makes it an easy listen.

**The Innovator's Mindset** - George Couros, author of *The Innovator's Mindset*, offers inspiration for education innovation.

**The Wired Educator Podcast** - Kelly Croy, author of *Along Came a Leader*, interviews education heavyweights such as Dr. Bill Daggett, Richard Baird, Dr. Jo Boaler and more for an always engaging episode.

#### What to look for in a podcast app:

- Each app has slightly different options for subscriptions, episode streaming and storage management.
- Automatic feed updates determine notifications of new episodes. Each apps offers its own way to opt into and push notifications.
- Depending on which app you choose, discovering new podcasts and browsing genres may be different. For example, some apps can link to your Twitter account and will recommend episodes based on the people you follow.
- If you tend to fall asleep while listening, many apps allow you to set a timer.

According to *MacWorld*, the 3 most popular podcast apps are **Overcast** (free), **Castro** (\$4.99) and **Pocket Casts** (\$3.99) You can, however always use the native Podcast app on your iOS device.

We have some middle school students starting their own podcasts and hope to have episodes to share soon!

### App of the Week!

**PhotoCard** is a free app that allows users to create postcards. Suggested use - design a project where students use the PhotoCard app to create a postcard from the point of view of a historical figure. Students conduct research to learn about the person and address the postcard to another historical figure who played a role in their life. Students learn about a period in history while creating a product that demonstrates their understanding.



"Our students are avid consumers of content. Over the course of a single day they might watch a video clip, listen to an interview, scroll through an article, or click a link on social media. Digital tools have transformed the way we teach students to be critical thinkers about the information they encounter. With devices in their hands, students of all ages can access material of all kinds with ease. As educators, we must help students navigate the information they come across as consumers while also empowering them to create content of their own. Indeed, by creating products that demonstrate their understanding, students become smarter consumers; they are better able to assess the value of any website, video or image that pops up on their screens because they have had experience in the roles of both creator and consumer."

~ **Tasks Before Apps**, Monica Burns

### Web Resource of the Week!

<http://www.loyalbooks.com/>



### What can I do with Google Photos?

- Upload your photos to Google Photos from all your devices. Then, using Google Takeout, download specific photos as needed.
- If you're using an iOS device, use the Google Photos app for easier upload, editing, archiving, search and storage.
- Use Google's Backup and Sync app for Mac or PC and automatically back up images from your desktop or laptop.
- The app **PhotoScan** allows you to digitize printed photographs and add them to your Google collection.
- Did you accidentally move a photo to the trash? Photos remain there for 60 days before being permanently deleted.
- Sync your Google Drive with Google Photos to be able to see and edit photos and videos. Be sure to check the option to "Create a Google Photos folder" to access your images in Drive.
- Hide your location from shared photos by checking "Remove geolocation in items shared by link" in settings.
- Use the Photo books feature to build a book and to order physical books of images.
- Select up to 50 photos and add animation to create an entertaining compilation.
- Under the "Assistant" feature you'll see a Movie option. Select up to 50 photos or videos to create a customized video.



### This month's technology trivia question:

You can search the Internet within any Office 2016 program (without exiting the program.) This Bing search feature is called:

- Smart Lookup
- Smart Search
- Internet Connected Search
- Bing Extended Search

Email your answer to [mmcnamara@hpschools.org](mailto:mmcnamara@hpschools.org) for a chance to win a prize! (Please put "newsletter quiz" in the subject line of your email.)

**Each month every correct responder will be entered into a monthly drawing for a prize!**

**Final thought:**

**AS YOU PUSH THE EDGES OF THE NORM WITH YOUR INNOVATIVE IDEAS, HOLD ONTO YOUR CONVICTION AND PASSION.**

**IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN YOUR IDEA, WHY WOULD ANYONE ELSE?**

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Please go to <http://www.hpschools.org/technology> for more news and resources.

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- Resources for teachers
- Resources for students
- Links to cool web tools
- Recommended app lists
- Integration Tips
- Much, much more!

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