



# The Creative Curriculum<sup>®</sup> Cloud

## Getting Started Guide for Teachers

### Accessing The Creative Curriculum<sup>®</sup> Cloud

Follow the steps below to ensure you have digital access to your curriculum resources.

**Log in to [MyTeachingStrategies<sup>®</sup>](#).**

*This is where you will access the Digital Content Library, create dynamic weekly plans, and engage with families.*

- If you are new to *MyTeachingStrategies<sup>®</sup>*, you will also receive an email that contains your username and temporary password. Follow the instructions in that email to log in and set a permanent password to *MyTeachingStrategies<sup>®</sup>*. **Note:** If you haven't received this email, check your spam or junk folders.

**[Set up your classroom.](#)**

*This allows you to create a virtual classroom space to create and maintain child records for each child in your care.*

- Check with your administrator to see if this step is your responsibility.

**[Create child records.](#)**

*Creating a child record establishes a dedicated portfolio for each child in your classroom.*

- Check with your administrator to see if this step is your responsibility.
- **Note:** You will need to have a class and at least one child record in *MyTeachingStrategies<sup>®</sup>* in order to access *The Creative Curriculum<sup>®</sup> Cloud*.

**[Add family members.](#)**

*This allows family members to set up a *MyTeachingStrategies<sup>®</sup>* Family account so they can access resources and messages you've shared.*

**Download the *Mighty Minutes<sup>®</sup>* mobile app on your [Apple](#) or [Android](#) device.**

*This is where you can easily access a digital "keyring" of your planned *Mighty Minutes<sup>®</sup>* on your smartphone or tablet device.*

- Log in to the app with your *MyTeachingStrategies<sup>®</sup>* credentials.

## Browsing Resources in the Digital Content Library

Follow the steps below to access your digital bookshelves of resources from The Creative Curriculum®.

- Access the Library area in *MyTeachingStrategies*®.**
  - [Navigate the digital bookshelves](#) to access foundation volumes, *Teaching Guides*, *Intentional Teaching Experiences*, and other components of *The Creative Curriculum*®.
  - [Based the age or class/grade of your class](#), you will have access to [infants, toddlers & twos resources](#), [preschool/pre-k resources](#), or [kindergarten resources](#).

## Creating Weekly Plans

Follow the steps below to create weekly plans, submit them to administrators for approval, and share with families.

- [Set your weekly template](#) before you begin creating weekly plans.
- [Customize your monthly calendar](#) to account for holidays and other planned closures.
- [Populate your planning calendar with the At-a-Glance charts](#) from a *Teaching Guide*.
  - If it is the beginning of your school year, choose the *Beginning the Year Teaching Guide*.
  - This option is only available to preschool and kindergarten teachers.
- Begin [creating your weekly plans](#).**
  - [Add custom activities](#) that you can save to an [activities library for future use](#).
  - [Plan for Intentional Teaching Experiences](#). If you populated your planning calendar with At-a-Glance charts, plan for your small-group *Intentional Teaching Experiences* and any suggested for other times of day.
  - [Add Mighty Minutes](#)® to your plan.
  - [Upload any supplemental resources or additional activities](#) to your plan.
- [Submit your weekly plan to your administrator for approval](#).  
*Your administrator may provide additional guidelines for if and when your weekly plans need to be submitted for approval.*
- [Share your approved weekly plans with families](#).
- Share at-home plans with families.**  
*Use one of the two ways listed below to share at-home plans with families to extend learning at home or to facilitate distance learning.*

- [Share a distance learning plan from your weekly plan](#) with families to offer them family versions of the *Intentional Teaching Experiences* and *Mighty Minutes*® you have planned for the week as well as study-related activities they can do at home with their children.
  - [Share an At-Home Guided Learning Plan from the family resources library](#) to send families a pre-populated plan based on the investigation week of the *Teaching Guide* you are currently implementing.
- If you are an infants, toddlers & twos teacher, [begin creating your weekly routines plans](#).**
- Create an *Individual Care Plan* for each child for each routine.
  - Select strategies to use for each child for each routine.
  - Plan for routine-specific *Intentional Teaching Experiences*.

## Engaging With Families

Follow the steps below to engage in two-way communication with families.

- [Regularly review the ongoing family conversation with each child’s family](#).**
- Begin a conversation, send a new message, or read and respond to a family’s most recent reply.
- Share activities from the family Resources Library.**
- [Share Development and Learning activities](#).
  - [Share LearningGames](#)®.