Accessing The Creative Curriculum® Cloud

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

☐ Log in to MyTeachingStrategies®.
This is where you will access the Digital Content Library, create dynamic weekly plans, and engage with families.
- If you are new to MyTeachingStrategies®, 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®. 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.
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- Note: You will need to have a class and at least one child record in MyTeachingStrategies® in order to access The Creative Curriculum® Cloud.

☐ Add family members.
This allows family members to set up a MyTeachingStrategies® Family account so they can access resources and messages you’ve shared.

☐ Download the Mighty Minutes® mobile app on your Apple or Android device.
This is where you can easily access a digital “keyring” of your planned Mighty Minutes® on your smartphone or tablet device.
- Log in to the app with your MyTeachingStrategies® 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®.**