

MyTeachingStrategies Guide for Teachers



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. **Note:** If you haven't received this email, check your spam or junk folders or contact your administrator.

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LIBRARY

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What's in the Digital Content Library?

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Getting Started: Introduction to the individual pieces that make up the *Creative Curriculum* and an how everything works together to develop the whole child.

Foundation Volumes: These volumes give the “what” and “why” of a high-quality early childhood education and support teachers' comprehensive understanding of best practices. The six volumes discuss in detail the latest theory and research, how to support active learning and promote children's progress, and how to plan for a variety of engaging experiences.

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Teaching Guides: Comprehensive, detailed plans for your entire year. The *Teaching Guides* organize firsthand investigative studies, systematic instruction, and daily routines into a coherent, careful sequence. They offer plans for investigations, explorations, and experiences during each part of every day.

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Investigations: Hands-on investigations that engage children in the scientific process as they work to find answers to their questions about a topic. These explorations leverage children's innate desire to make sense of their experiences, to find out more, and to explore the world around them.

Mighty Minutes: Short activities that include songs, chants, rhymes, and games that can be used anywhere to teach language, literacy, math, science, social studies, and physical skills during “in-between” times, such as preparing to go outside or gathering children for large-group time.

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Intentional Teaching Experiences: Playful, engaging activities that can be implemented throughout the day. Designed for ages 3–6, these experiences support social–emotional, physical, and language development, as well as development and learning in literacy and mathematics. Typically offered during small-group time, but many are appropriate for large-group, outdoor, and one-on-one experiences.

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Children's Book Collection: Over 100 books in a variety of genres, classic tales, contemporary works by well-known authors, and original nonfiction books created to complement the studies featured in our Teaching Guides. Each book was selected for its rich vocabulary; its depiction of diverse characters, families, and cultures; and the new ideas and information within its pages.

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Book Discussion Cards: Engage children in multiple effective read-alouds, fostering analytical book discussions that encourage critical-thinking skills and support social-emotional development. Children develop skills to reconstruct, as opposed to retell, a story, which prepares them for literacy experiences in kindergarten and beyond.

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Learning Games: A series of early learning activities that help families engage in meaningful at-home learning to strengthen their relationships with their children. Each *LearningGame*® is aligned to at least one *Intentional Teaching Experience*™, so as you plan to share *LearningGames* with families, you can plan for Intentional Teaching Experiences™ to support your home-school connection.

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Downloadable Teaching Resources: Getting Started Checklists, Letters to Families, Recipes, Photo Library, and Mighty Minute Posters are all available for download and print!



TEACH

Set Your Weekly Template: [Video Support](#) | [Text Support](#)

Create weekly plans or weekly experiences plan that include custom activities, Intentional Teaching Experiences, and Mighty Minutes®.

Customize Your Monthly Calendar: [Video Support](#)

[Modify Days](#) to block off days on their planning calendar for professional development, weather events, holidays, or other school closures.

[Clear Days](#) to clear any planned or modified days from their planning calendar.

Save a Custom Activity for Future Use: [Text Support](#)

Upload Other Resources to Your Plan: [Text Support](#)

Teachers can upload documents to their weekly plan to supplement the Intentional Teaching Experiences/Opportunities and custom activities they have planned for resources created outside of MyTeachingStrategies®.

Submit Weekly Plans: [Video Support](#) | [Text Support](#)

Teachers can submit their completed weekly plans to their administrator for approval in MyTeachingStrategies®.

Create Weekly Routines and Plans: [IT2 only] [Text Support](#)

Infants, toddlers, and twos class in MyTeachingStrategies® can create an *Individual Care Plan* for each child for each routine, plan for routine-specific *Intentional Teaching Experiences*, and select strategies to use for each child for each routine.

Add a Teaching Guide: Populate their planning calendar with the activities from the At-A-Glance charts from a Teaching Guide.

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Remove a Study: Remove At-A-Glance chart content they added to their planning calendar.

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Add an ITE: Teachers use the most recent assessment information for the children in their classroom to purposefully plan for and teach these experiences.

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Add a Custom Activity: Teachers can add their own activities and experiences as custom activities to their weekly plans. These activities can be saved and used again for future weekly plans.

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Add a Mighty Minute: Add Mighty Minutes® to their weekly plans on their MyTeachingStrategies® planning calendar. Teachers can search for Mighty Minutes® by objective/dimension.

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ASSESS

Discover how to use GOLD® to advance the essential functions of assessment in an early childhood classroom, including how the 2021 Assess area updates streamline collecting, organizing, and leveraging your documentation of children's development and learning.

At a glance: **Text Support** Teachers subscribed to *GOLD* can use the *Assessment At a Glance* to provide them with real-time, actionable information on their documentation collection and help them quickly identify areas that need attention for each child based on the most recently entered preliminary levels.

You can complete the following tasks while using the *Assessment At a Glance* on the Teaching Strategies platform:

- [Navigating to At a Glance](#)
- [Using the Assessment At a Glance](#)
- [Understanding the Status Icons](#)
- [Reviewing Overall Documentation Status](#)
- [Reviewing Documentation at the Area Level](#)
- [Reviewing Documentation at the Objective and Dimension Level](#)

*At a Glance is part of the Elevated GOLD experience.

Add Documentation: **Text Support** Primary teachers, co-teachers, assistant teachers, and team members using GOLD® can add documentation of children's knowledge, skills, and abilities to MyTeachingStrategies® either on the MyTeachingStrategies® web platform, or via the GOLD® Documentation mobile app.

- [What should be included in a piece of documentation?](#)
- [What are the types of documentation I can select?](#)
- [How can I select more than one child at a time to assess?](#)

View Documentation: **Video Support** | **Text Support**

Teachers can view all GOLD® documentation added to MyTeachingStrategies® for the child record in their class. This can be documentation added via the Add Documentation feature, via planned Intentional Teaching Experiences/Opportunities, and via the GOLD® Documentation mobile app.

Checkpoints: A period of time during which observations and assessment data is collected.

- [10 Tips for Successfully Completing Your GOLD Checkpoint](#)

Checkpoint Dates: [Text Support](#)

Each program or agency determines their own GOLD® checkpoint due dates, or follows the GOLD® default checkpoint due dates. You can locate these dates in MyTeachingStrategies® Assess area, so that you know when you are required to have your checkpoint ratings completed and finalized.



DEVELOP

My Courses, in the Develop area of MyTeachingStrategies®, provides access to your [online professional development courses](#) and product tutorials. Each course and product tutorial is made up of short, engaging segments that allow you to interact with material in different ways. All 2-hour product tutorials are available for free, and the 10-hour Objectives for Development and Learning course is included with your GOLD® subscription or purchase of The Creative Curriculum®.

Get to Know GOLD: We recommend *GOLD® Introduction* (2 hrs), *Introducing MyTeachingStrategies®* (2 hrs) and the *Objectives for Development and Learning* (10 hrs).

Get to Know CLOUD: We recommend the course *Elevating Practice and Partnerships with the Creative Curriculum Cloud* (2 hrs), as well as the [Live and On-Demand webinars](#) to support teachers.

Interrater Reliability Certification: [Watch this video](#) to learn how teachers can complete the Interrater Reliability Certification in MyTeachingStrategies®.

Your Certificates: When you complete an online professional development course, [please print or save the course certificate](#).

Online Professional Development Subscription: The additional 10-hour and 5-hour online professional development courses are available to users in licenses subscribed to Online Professional Development and provide CEU credit upon completion. Please speak with your administrator if you need access.



REPORT

Teachers can access interactive reports that help to bring data to life, telling a story about each child's progress and providing actionable information that helps teachers understand and report out on what the children in their program are likely to do next.

[Individual Child Report:](#)

Compare the progress of one child against the widely held expectations for the age or class/grade.

***Beneficial to generate prior to archiving the child record if needed as an inclusion in a child's file.**

Report Card:	Beneficial for programs with children of kindergarten age or older. This report can only be generated for the current school year.
Comparative Report:	Creates comparative data by placing your checkpoint ratings for each objective or dimension on a uniform scale.
Growth (Birth Through Third Grade) Report:	Allows for comparison of the growth of children’s knowledge, skills, and abilities in each area to the expected growth range of a sample group of their peers.
Snapshot Report:	At-a-glance overview of child outcomes by area or objective/dimension.
Snapshot by Dimension:	Displays the levels of a given objective or dimension, showing the number or percentage of children at levels along the colored bands. This allows for visual comparison of assessment results against widely held expectations.
Snapshot (Birth Through Third Grade):	Displays a selected group’s assessment results, allowing you to select the specific objectives/dimensions, classes, children, and demographics to be included in the report. The report can be organized by entity or by colored band.



FAMILY

MyTeachingStrategies® Family is an online family portal and mobile app that gives families another connection to their child’s classroom. Through MyTeachingStrategies® Family, teachers can share documentation, weekly plans, reports, activities, and more.

Click [here](#) to learn what you can share with Family Members through MyTeachingStrategies® Family.

Manage Family Members: [Video Support](#) | [Text Support](#)

Add, invite, edit, or remove family members.

Click [here](#) for support on the Family Member invitation experience.

Manage Family Messages: [Video Support](#) | [Text Support](#)

Use Family Messages for ongoing conversations with families, with messages sent and received in real time.

Manage Family Announcements: [Text Support](#)

Use Family Announcements to send updates to groups of family members.

Manage Family Observations: [Video Support](#) | [Text Support](#)

Use Family Observations to help inform a child’s portfolio with information sent from families.

Create Family Conference Forms: [Video Support](#) | [Text Support](#)

Once teachers subscribed to GOLD® have entered preliminary levels or checkpoint ratings for a child record, they can create a Family Conference Form for that child record in MyTeachingStrategies®.

At Home Guided Learning Plans: [Video Support](#) | [Text Support](#)

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These plans are organized by investigation within the Teaching Guides from The Creative Curriculum®, and are designed to encourage study-based learning at home.

Digital Children’s Library: [Text Support](#)

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On the MyTeachingStrategies® Family app, family members can access the Digital Children's Library to browse a collection of books to read with their children.



Development and Learning Activities: [Text Support](#)

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The Development and Learning are over 500 family-friendly, developmentally appropriate activities in English and Spanish.

Family Conference Form: [Video Support](#) | [Text Support](#)

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What Mobile apps are available?

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.

All other apps including Tadpoles, My TeachingStrategies Family, Ready Rosie, and GOLD can be found [here](#).