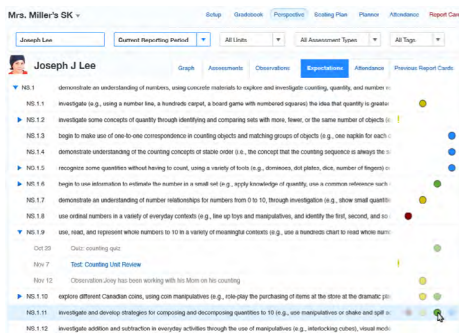# Edsby for Elementary

Most learning management systems come from the world of higher ed. Which means they can work pretty well for high school students, but aren't the best fit for younger kids. Edsby was made just for K-12, and is packed full of things to make elementary teaching easier and more effective.

A clear view into early learning
YOUNGER CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT AND ASSESSED DIFFERENTLY THAN OLDER STUDENTS. EDSBY HANDLES THIS.

Subjective performance indicators

Young children are rarely evaluated with the same grades or complex rubrics as older students. In early grades, subjective performance indicators in Edsby can reflect achievement using colored distinctions like blue for excellent, green for good, yellow for satisfactory and red for needs improvement. Or other progress levels used by the district can be used. These indicators can communicate a child's progress against federal or local standards.

Subjective assessment against standards

Support for team teaching

Many districts use a team teaching approach in students' early years. Edsby classes are built to support multiple teachers. Edsby's panorama feature, which shares everything having to do with a student's progress, can be accessed by all educators in a school. Private groups and other features give teachers ways to collaborate for young students' success.

Team teaching support.

Input from and connections with everyone involved in a student's education
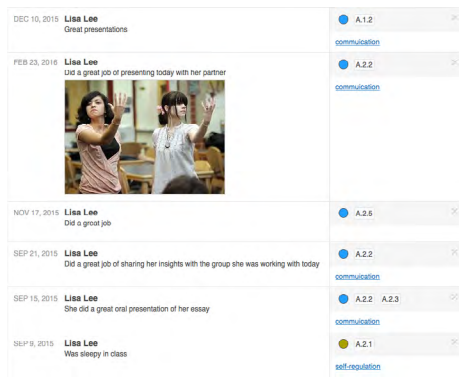
Guidance counselors, coaches and other school support staff have important input in the early years of a child's schooling. Only Edsby connects to the HR and other systems where non-teaching staff in the school district's roster information normally resides, so they can also have accounts and participate in Edsby.

Many school staff have input in a child's early years.
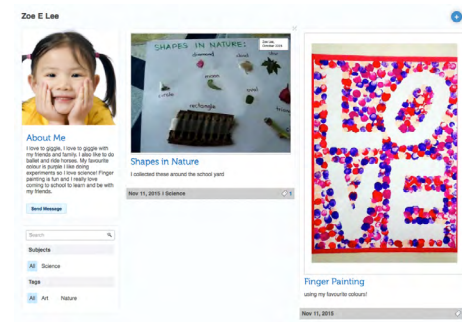
Observations

In the absence of summative assessments in students' early years, teacher observations are critical. Edsby allows educators to record student observations with photos or other evidence demonstrating concept progress, mastery etc. These observations are displayed back to teachers or other staff a number of ways, and are even presented at report card time to inform teachers' report card comments.

Observations associated with standards.

Portfolios of best work

In Edsby, electronic portfolios of students' best work are maintained by the student and can be viewed by the parent. In earliest grades, teachers can place items into students' portfolios on their behalf, adding first records of their learning journey. A student's portfolio stays available in Edsby their entire K-12 career.

Student portfolios managed by teachers.

Building important skills

Teachers can encourage younger students to use Edsby for reflection, collaboration and communication to build early digital citizenship. For example, student-led reviews of materials or mini research projects within Edsby classes help impart the skills of working together and leveraging online tools.
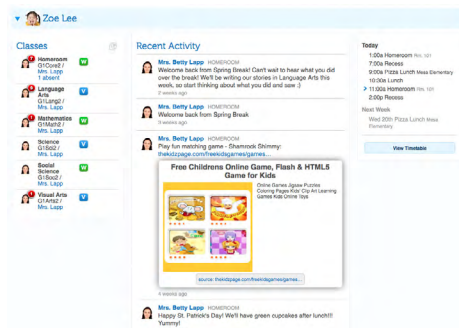

Young students build important digital skills with Edsby.

The best way to loop in parents
PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS CRITICAL TO YOUNG CHILDREN'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL.
EDSBY HAS THE BEST PARENT HANDLING OF ANY SYSTEM, BAR NONE.

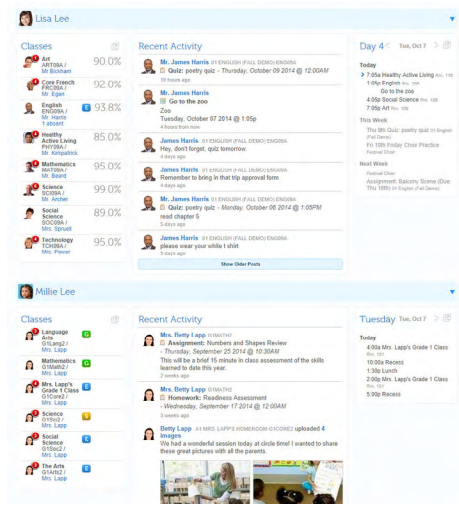## A gateway into what's happening in class

Younger children can't always articulate what they did in class every day. Edsby gives parents a daily look into their child's activities so they can see evidence of their learning. Teachers can share photos, videos, lesson plans and journals capturing classroom activities, e.g. record of "spelling words of the day." Parents follow with web browsers or Edsby apps on mobile devices. Teachers can reuse lesson and journal material class-to-class and year-to-year.

Many school staff have input in a child's early years.

One login, any number of children

Any number of children, even at different schools, may be associated with parents' own single logins, and other guardians and relatives can even be given similar accounts. Access to confidential student information is carefully managed by Edsby based on parent/student relationships from the district's systems. If certain parents' access to records must change at some point in time, Edsby instantly reflects those changes so teachers don't have the liability of managing access to systems themselves.

Two children's information shown to a parent.
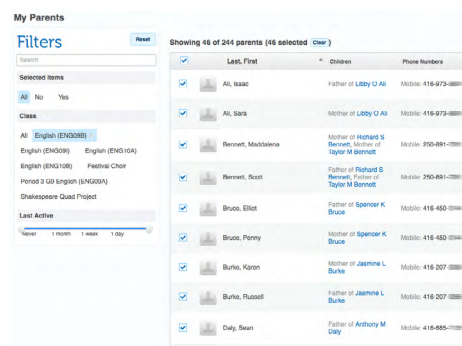
Unique privileges for parents

Some LMSes don't even support parent logins, which means parents have to use their childrens' usernames and passwords to try to follow their academic progress. Edsby assigns parents their own accounts with unique privileges and gives them insight into all their childrens' attendance, discipline and academic achievement. Parents can also participate in private groups, give permissions, confidentially communicate with school staff—not just a child's teachers—and more.

Parents get accounts with special privileges.
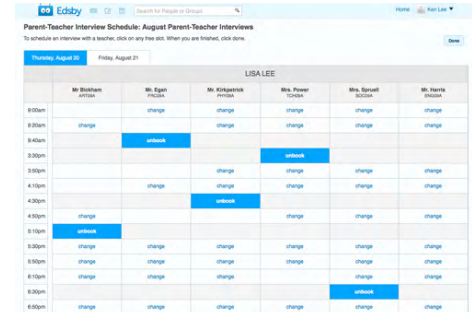
No manual management of students or parents

With Edsby, teachers don't have to invest time maintaining contact information of their students or parents. As a student or parent comes and goes in the district's systems, the change is reflected in Edsby automatically. There are no codes to send home or databases for teachers to update. School staff can use Edsby to contact any or all students and parents at any time. Teachers never have to go to the office to get contact info.

Parent information for one teacher's class (fictional data).
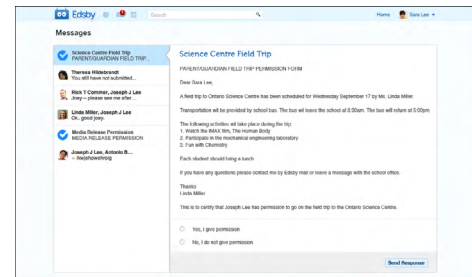
Parent-teacher conference scheduling

Edsby can facilitate parent and teacher conferences. Edsby can serve as the district's master system for setting dates and times for parents to meet with their children's teachers using whatever schedule the district has adopted.

Choosing from available parent teacher conference slots.

Field trip and other approvals

Workflow approvals are built into Edsby to secure parent permissions such as media release forms, field trip approvals, code of conduct, volunteer, fundraising organization and more. With Edsby, there's never ambiguity when parents sign off. And forms are never lost in kids' backpacks.

Field trip approvals within Edsby.

Single app

When a district adopts Edsby, parents only need the single Edsby app and sign-on. Regardless of the number of children they have, the number of courses they're taking or school activities they're involved with. When all teachers in the district use Edsby, parents' digital lives get much easier.

Edsby works via web browsers and mobile.

Contact us to see for yourself how great Edsby is for elementary teaching

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