

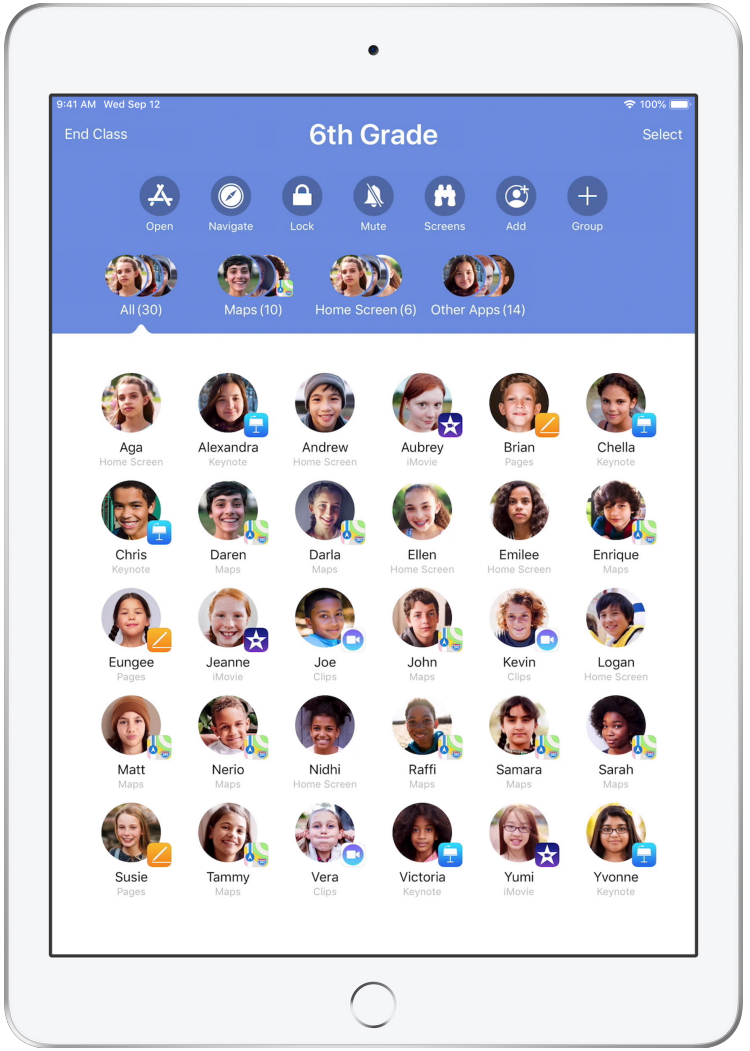
Getting Started with Classroom

A teacher’s guide to the Classroom app

Introducing Classroom

Classroom is a powerful app for iPad and Mac that helps you guide learning, share work, and manage student devices. It supports both shared and one-to-one environments. You can launch a specific app, website, or textbook page on any iPad in the class, share documents between teacher and students, or share student work on a TV, monitor, or projector using Apple TV. You can even see which apps students are working in, mute student devices, assign a specific shared iPad for each student, and reset a student's password. And when class ends, you can see a summary of your students' activities.

This guide will take you through an overview of Classroom. You'll learn how to get started using the app, and discover how to integrate it into daily classroom workflows.



Before you get started

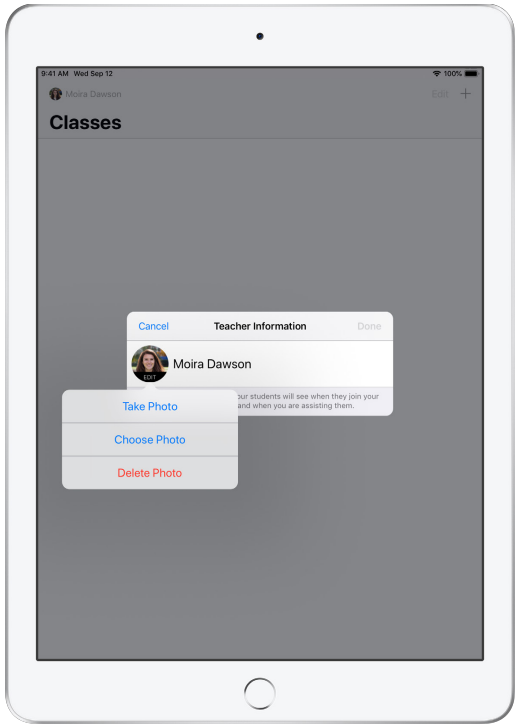
Classroom is available in the App Store and is easy to set up. You can create classes manually without IT support, or work with your school's MDM administrator to automatically configure Classroom with roster data for students and classes.

Create your class.

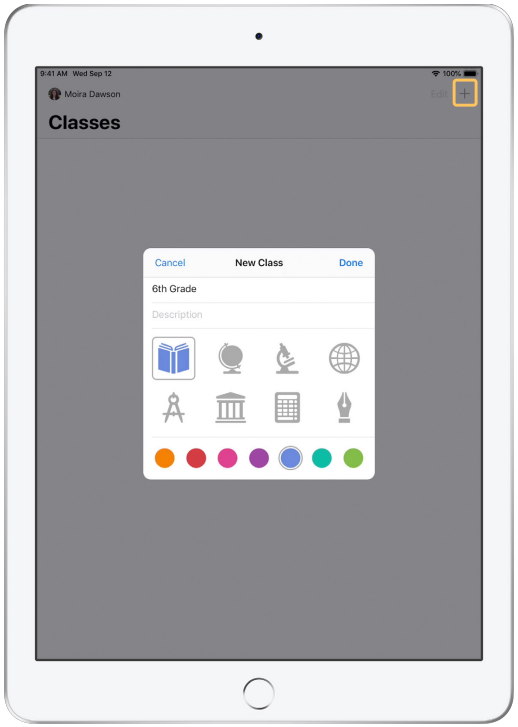
With Classroom, you can set up your own classes manually, if your school isn't configuring classroom devices with MDM.



After you have downloaded the app, begin by launching Classroom.



Next, enter your name and add a photo that students will see when they join your class and share files with you, and when you are assisting them.



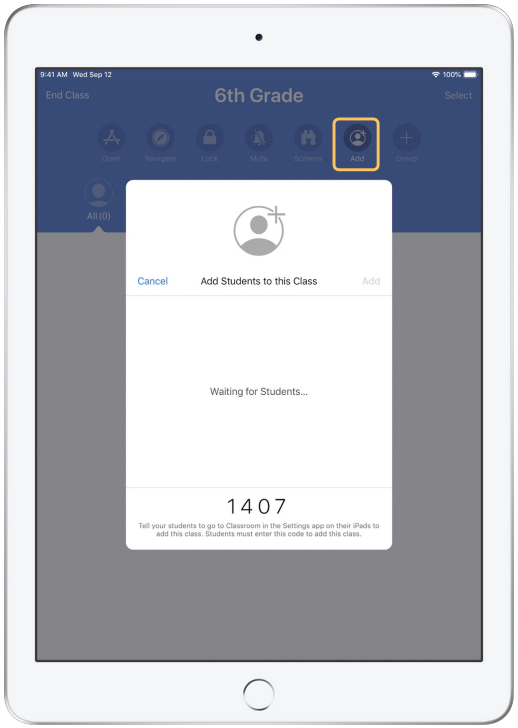
It's easy to rearrange classes, switch from one class to the next, and set up additional classes.

Select + to create a new class, then name your class and choose a color and symbol to represent it.

Alternatively, classes can be set up by your school's MDM (see page 6 for more info).

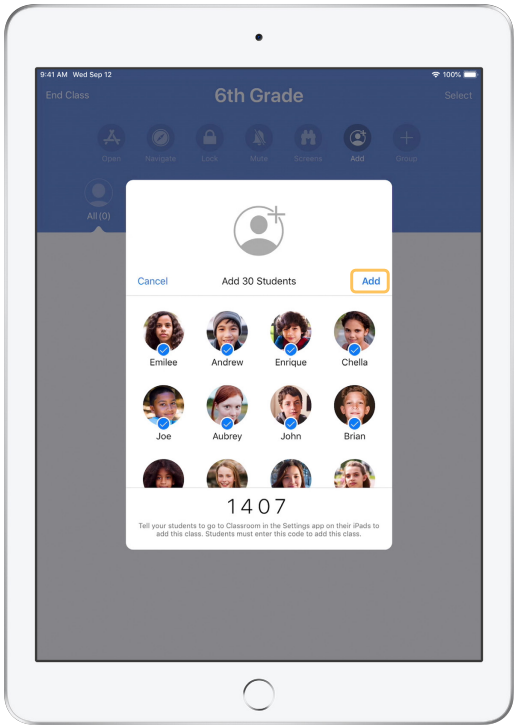
Invite your students.

Invite students to join your class so everyone can get started right away.

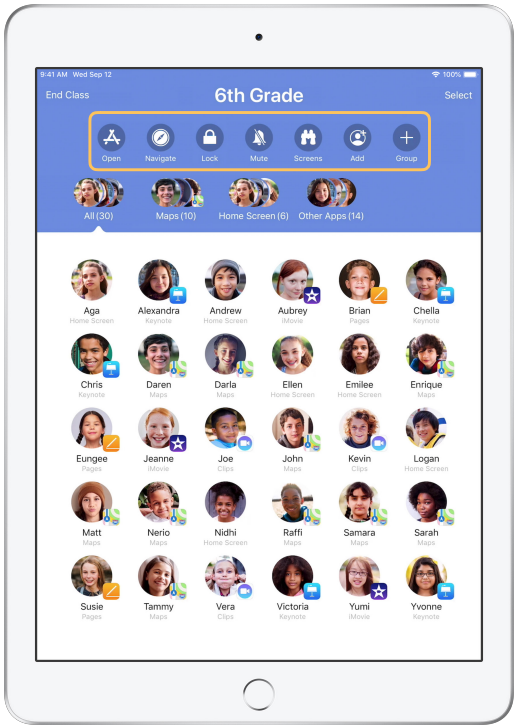


If you have manually created your class, you can now invite your students to join. Select Add and give the invitation code to your students.

Note that Classroom features require proximity to your students.



As students join your class, you will see their names and photos appear. Tap Add to add them to your class.



Once inside the class, you'll see a list of your students as well as the Actions list, which contains actions that you can perform on devices in the classroom.

Have students join a class.

When joining your class, students decide how you can manage and access their iPad — instruct them to use the settings that are most appropriate in your environment.

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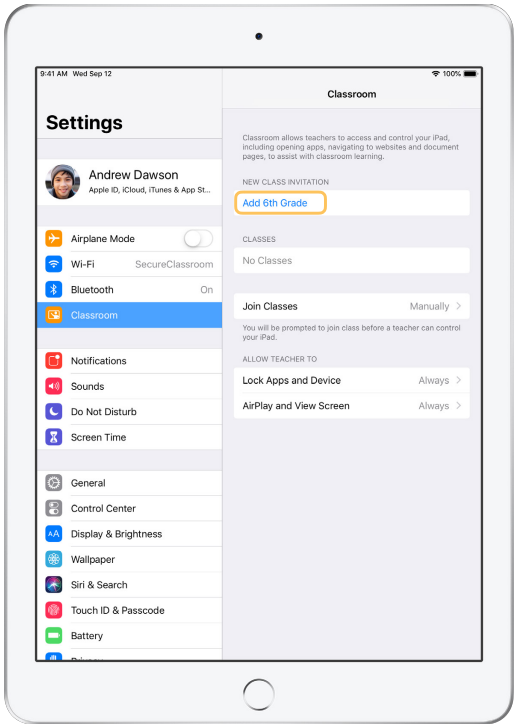

Once you have sent your class invitation, settings for Classroom will appear in the Settings app on each student's iPad. Ask your students to tap the link for your new class invitation.

Students can come back to these settings at any time to change how the Classroom app can control their iPad.

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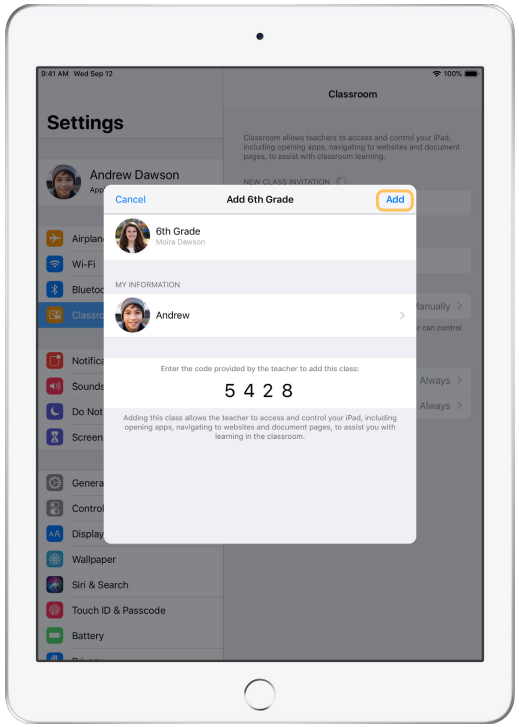

Students can tap My Information to edit their name and photo, and then add the class by entering the code you provided.

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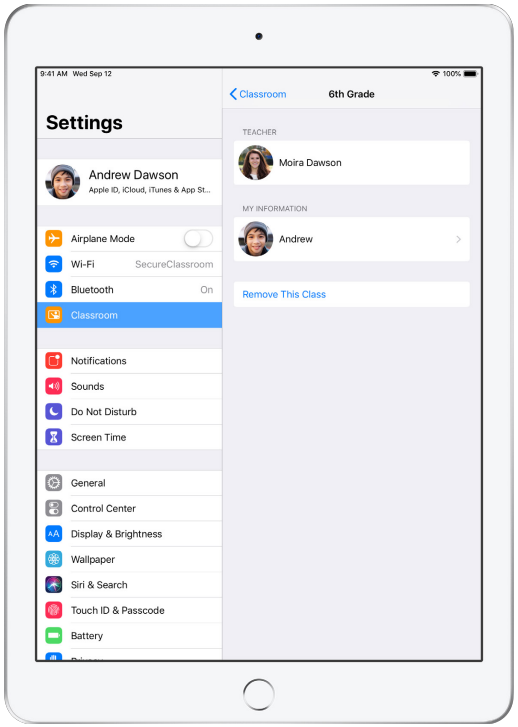
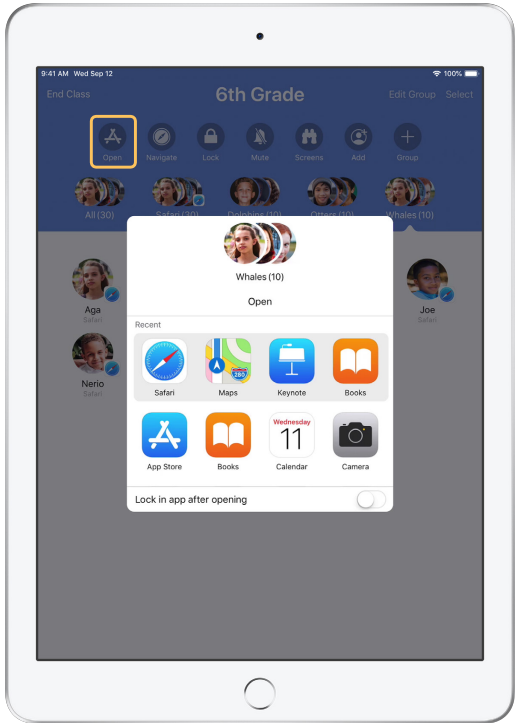


Students will join your class automatically every time they return to your classroom. At the end of the course or school year, they can remove the class.

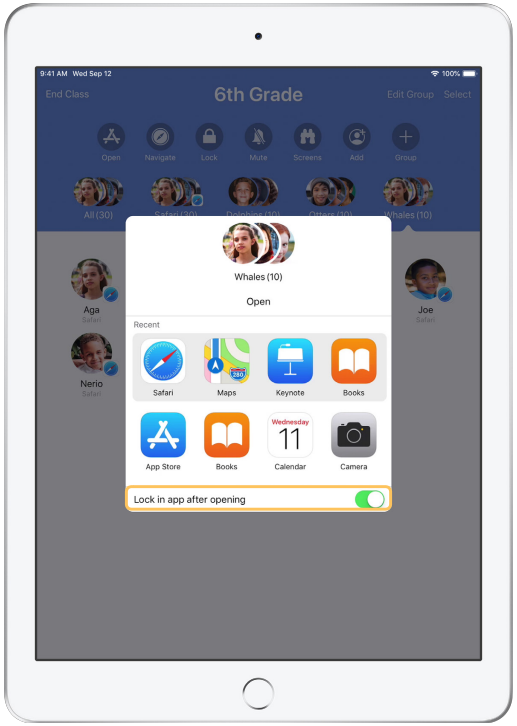
Launch and lock apps.

Launch a specific app on each student's iPad at the same time. You can also lock iPad into a single app, so students stay focused on the subject or test at hand.

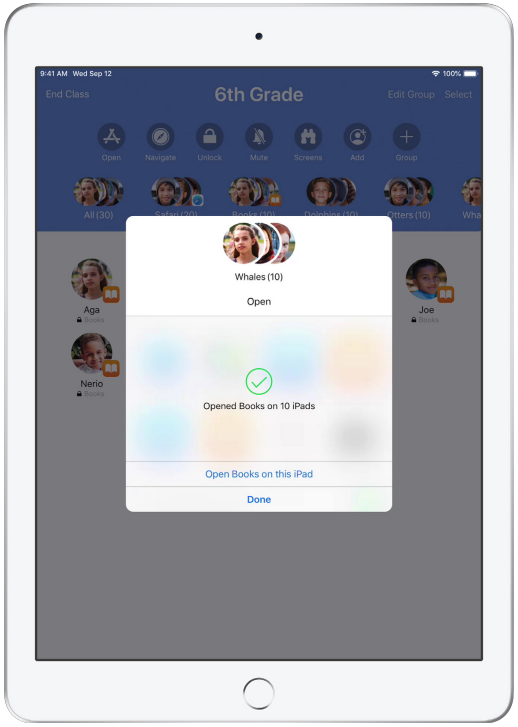


Tap Open to view the list of available apps, then select the app that you would like to open.

Note that you and your students must both have the app installed for this to work.



If you would like to lock your students into the app, select "Lock in app after opening" in the lower right.

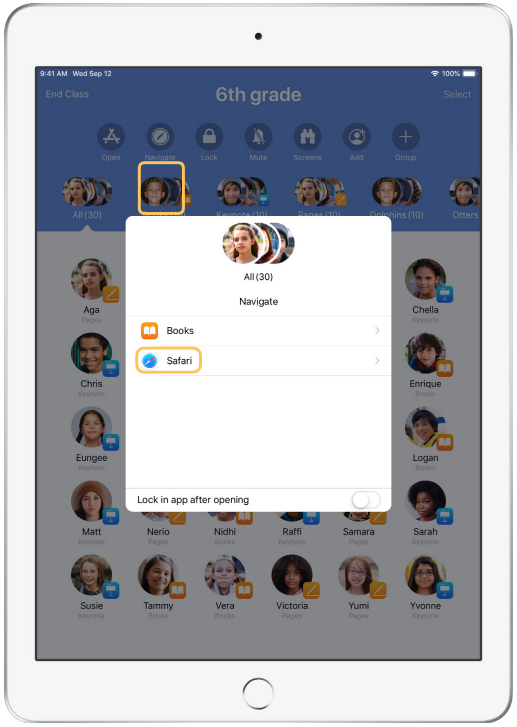


The app now opens on every student's iPad.

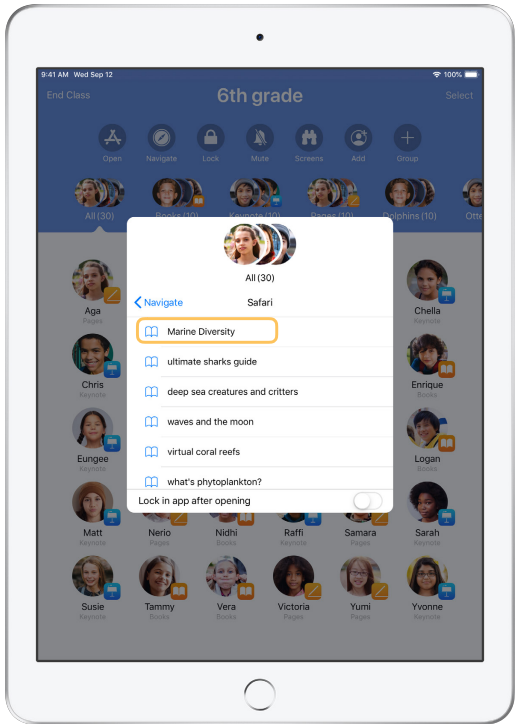
Tap Done, or follow along by opening the app on your iPad.

Navigate to specific content.

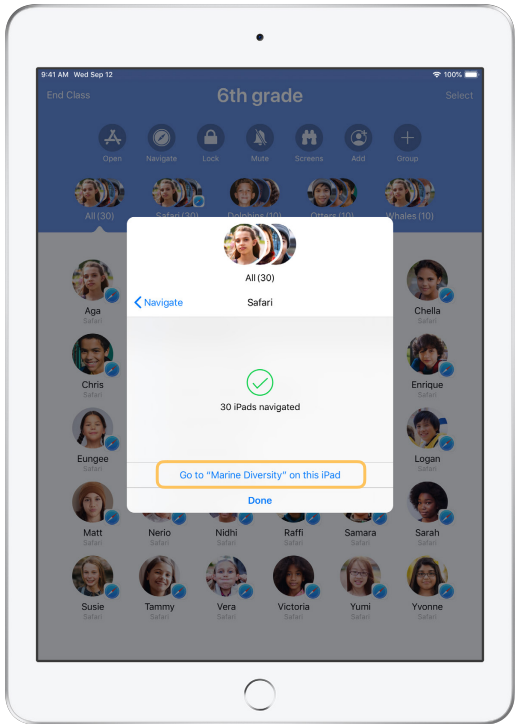
Classroom lets you navigate students to resources within Apple Books, iTunes U, and Safari, such as a specific web page using a bookmark, posts and materials in iTunes U courses, or a chapter in a book.



Tap Navigate, then select Safari from the list of options.



Select the bookmark that you'd like the class to view.

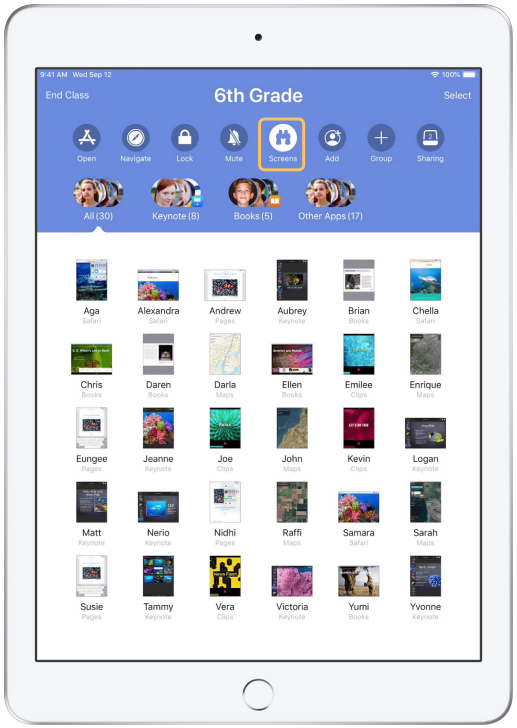


The entire class has now been navigated to that bookmark in Safari.

Tap Done, or follow along by opening the web link on your device.

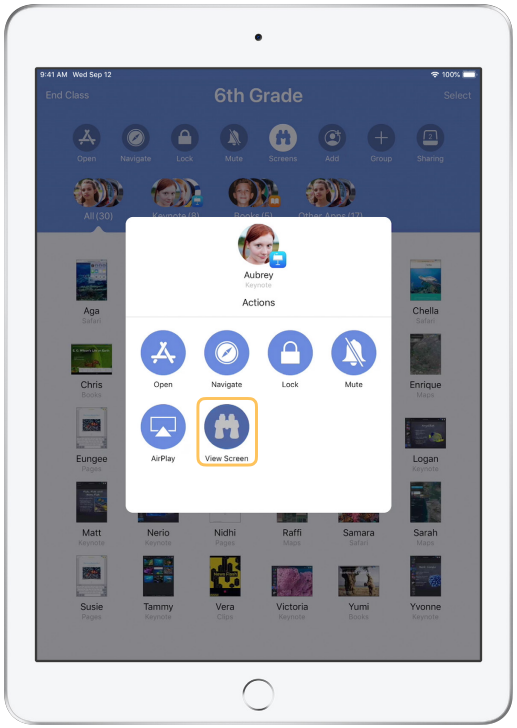
See what your students see with Screen View.

View any student's screen directly on your device. Check in and see how students are progressing through an assignment or a quiz.

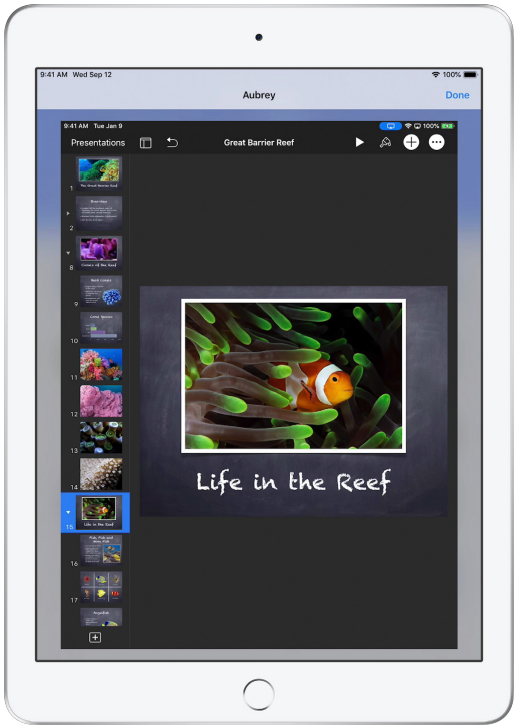


Tap Screens to view each student's screen.

This feature can be disabled if needed.



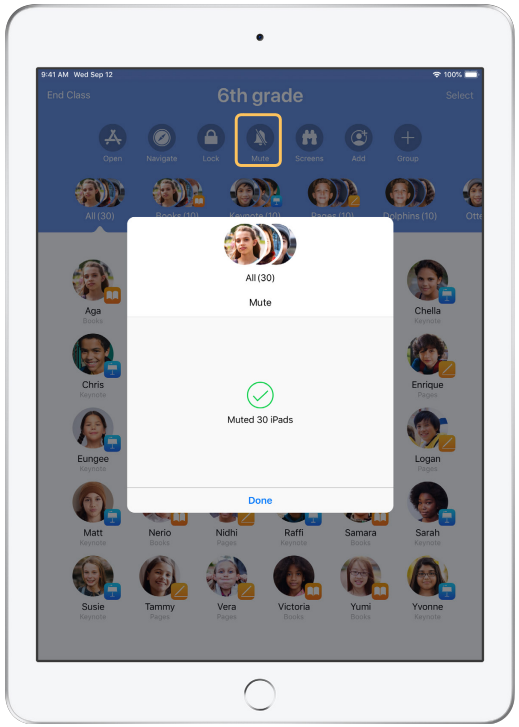
To view a specific student's screen, select the student and tap View Screen.



Students will know that you are monitoring their screen when they see the blue indicator in the status bar.

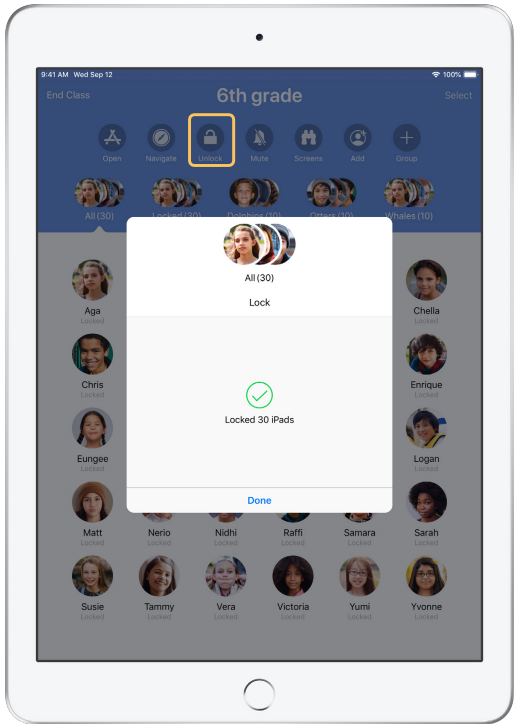
Mute the sound and lock the screen.

If the sound on a student's iPad becomes distracting for the rest of the class, you can mute individual or all devices. To get everyone's attention, you can also lock each iPad in your class, which might be helpful during an important announcement or activity.



Select a student, a group of students, or your entire class, then tap Mute to mute the sound.

The sound will be muted on student devices.



To lock devices, select a student, a group of students, or your entire class, then tap Lock.

Tap Unlock to unlock devices.

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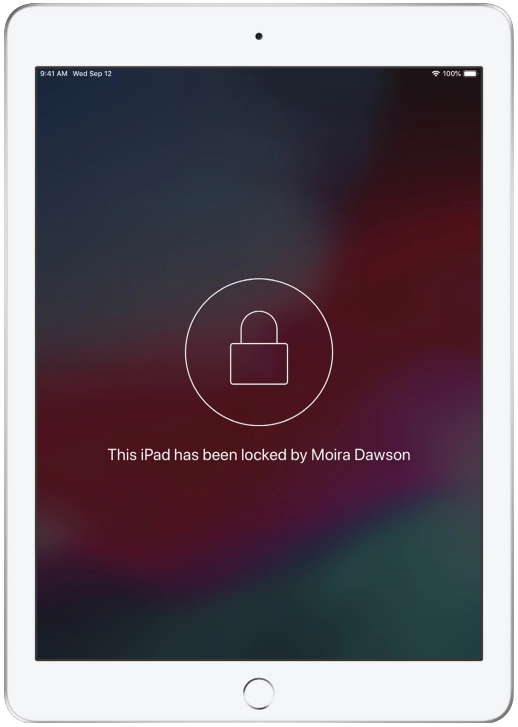

The screen will be locked on all student devices, and students will not be able to access them until the devices are unlocked again.