

Google Drive / Google Classroom

Recently we have started using Google Drive/Google Classroom in our class. This is an online tool that saves our work in the cloud (we like to call it our “Sky Desk”). With this Sky Desk, we are able to do work at school AND home, as well as collaborate with each other on certain files.

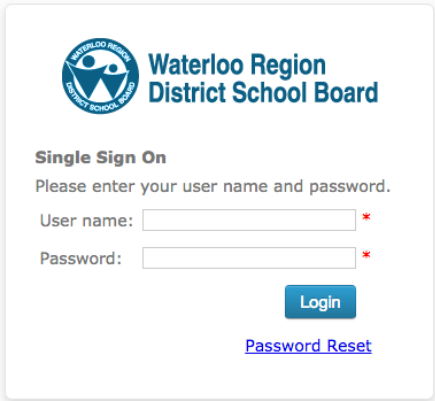
This week the class was introduced to Google Draw - a program that lets you draw and write to show your thinking. We have created a drawing for your child to explore and learn this new program in a fun way. Your child has access to this at home.

Follow the steps below to log onto your child’s Sky Desk and let the learning continue at home!

On a computer, open the CHROME¹ browser and type in the following URL:

google.wrdsb.ca

The box below will appear and you need to enter the following information:



The screenshot shows a login page for the Waterloo Region District School Board. At the top left is the board's logo, a blue circle with a white 'W' and the text 'Waterloo Region District School Board' to its right. Below the logo, the text 'Single Sign On' is displayed. Underneath, it says 'Please enter your user name and password.' There are two input fields: 'User name:' and 'Password:', each followed by a red asterisk. Below the 'Password:' field is a blue 'Login' button. At the bottom of the login box is a blue link that says 'Password Reset'.

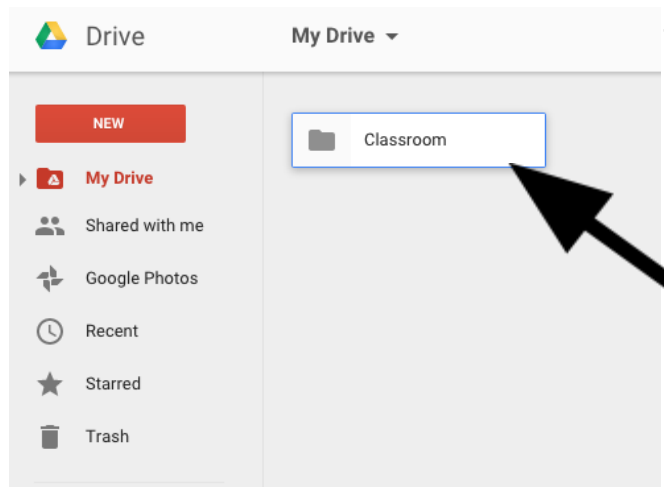
Username: _____

Password: _____

Once you press “Login” it will take you into your child’s Google Drive. This is where all your child’s files from school (or home) will be saved when working in their Google Drive. This Google Drive will remain your child’s Sky Desk all through elementary school and until they are finished high school (if they stay within the Waterloo Region District School Board).

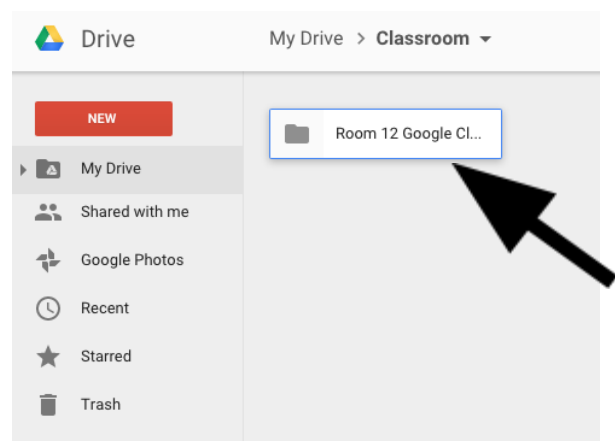
¹ Google Drive works best in the CHROME browser. It can be accessed with other internet browsers but performance might be affected. You can download it for free: www.google.com/chrome/

To have your child open his/her Google Draw file, follow these following steps:

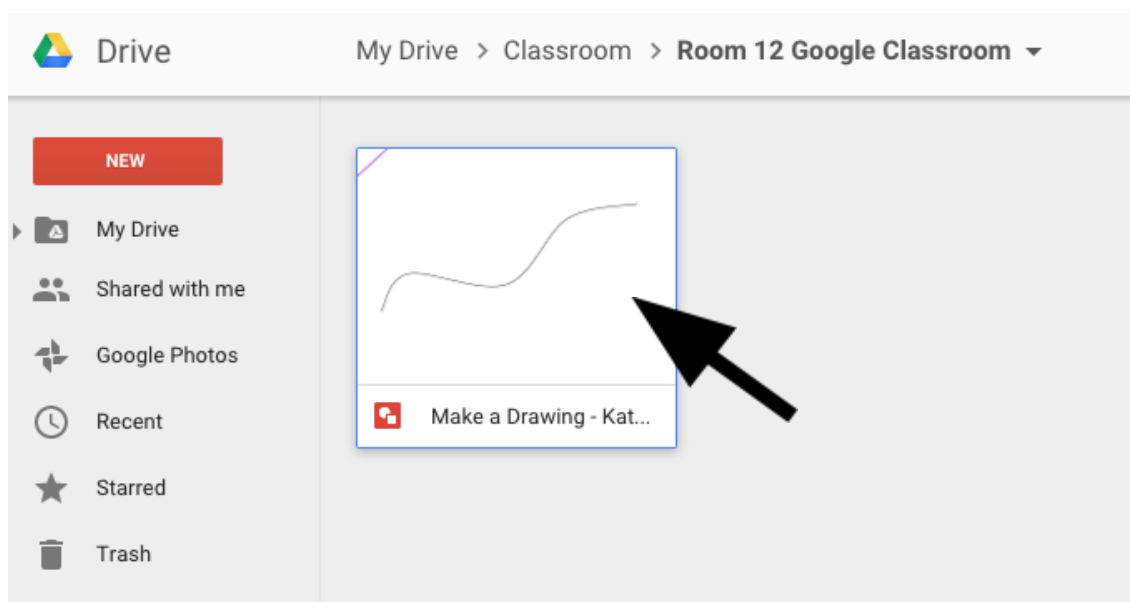


1. Double click on **Classroom** to open the file.

2. Double click on **Room 12 Google Classroom** to open this file.



3. This is the drawing file they can open and use. Try and encourage your child to play and create with their drawing over the break. We will share our drawings when we return from March break.



There is no need to SAVE changes made. Auto-save is continuous. Simply close the browser tab when your child is finished.