

Talbott Springs Elementary School
HOMEWORK GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

The Howard County Public School System supports students in maintaining and extending their learning. The appropriate design, use and evaluation of homework can be used to inform teachers about student progress and can provide opportunities for independent practice of key skills. TSES Homework Guidelines are based on HCPSS Policy Recommendations.

Grades 1 and 2 teachers will assign homework based on this structure:
Students in Grades 1 and 2 should have no more than 20 minutes of homework/night:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Math facts (practice menu)		Math facts (practice menu)
Reading Assigned content or student choice reading. The reading can be shared with an adult or independent, depending on grade/ability level	Reading Assigned content or student choice reading. The reading can be shared with an adult or independent, depending on grade/ability level	Reading Assigned content or student choice reading. The reading can be shared with an adult or independent, depending on grade/ability level	Reading Assigned content or student choice reading. The reading can be shared with an adult or independent, depending on grade/ability level

Grades 3, 4 and 5 Teachers will assign homework based on this structure:
Students in grade 3 should have no more than 30 minutes of homework/night
Students in grade 4 should have no more than 40 minutes of homework/night
Students in grade 5 should have no more than 50 minutes/night

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Vocabulary/product development (word study menu)	Math facts/concepts (practice menu)	Vocabulary (word study menu)	Math facts/concepts (practice menu)
Reading Assigned content or independent depending on grade/ability level	Reading Assigned content or independent depending on grade/ability level	Reading Assigned content or independent depending on grade/ability level	Reading Assigned content or independent depending on grade/ability level

*Students will be expected to read and record at least the following number of minutes over the course of a 7-day week (Sunday through Saturday):

- Kindergarten and Grade 1= 60 minutes
- Grade 2 and Grade 3 = 80 minutes
- Grade 4 and Grade 5 = 100 minutes

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION, HOMEWORK IS NOT ASSIGNED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Homework (continued):**In grade 1 through grade 5:****Each student will:**

- write (glue) homework in the agenda book daily.
- record the number of minutes read each night in the agenda book.
- turn in grade level projects on time.

Teachers will:

- check homework for completion and provide feedback
- assign homework Monday through Thursday.
- use the agenda book to communicate with families about projects, events and school information.

Parents will:

- check and initial the agenda book daily.
- set a time and provide a quiet space for their children to complete their homework.
- provide opportunities for their child(ren) to read to meet the weekly expectation for minutes
- Use the resources provided through Canvas and this document to support their children if there is a question about how to assist at home.

Beyond assigned homework, if you are seeking additional ways for your child to practice skills please reference the digital resources listed on pages 17 and 18 of the TSES Student Agenda Book. These pages list the resource name, username and password for each of the sites. Please look carefully for the following sites:

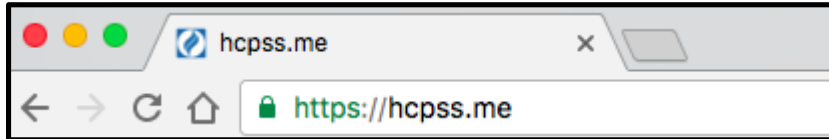
- Brain Pop
- Type to Learn
- Dreambox
- Code.org
- Tumblebooks

There will be occasions for which a child is asked to finish an assignment at home because the child has not yet had the opportunity to complete it at school. Thank you for supporting your child with his or her effort to complete that work.



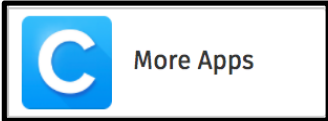
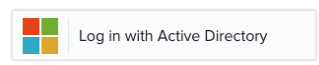
**TALBOTT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
ACCESSING ONLINE RESOURCES**






Open any web browser (Firefox, Safari, Chrome)

Type: <https://hcpss.me> in the URL Box (Be sure to include the **s** as it is a secure network)



The page will open to free online resources available to Talbott Springs Elementary School. Each page has some special features required in order to access the page. Please note that student use of any of the on-line resources provided by Howard County Public Schools is regulated by HCPSS [Policy 8080](#). Misuse of these school resources may result in disciplinary action.

Application/Resource	Description	Login Requirements
	<p>To access the HCPSS Learning Management system click on Canvas.</p> <p>You will see the “courses” in which your child is enrolled. Teachers for each of those courses have links to their instructional web page with important information. Click on the course you wish to view.</p>	<p>Parents will login with the HCPSS Connect Login. Visit the hcpss.org website for more information. Students may login with HCPSS Student login and password.</p>
	<p>G Suite (Gafe) is used frequently by students in grades 3-5. Students can access their work from any device. Students will need to use their HCPSS student login and password to access their account. As a gentle reminder; this resource is provided by Howard County Public Schools. If Gafe is used in any inappropriate way (Policy 8080), student accounts will be suspended.</p>	<p>Students will need to use their HCPSS student login and password to access their account.</p>
	<p>This entry point will give access to the subscription databases available to TSES students and their families. Each database may require special logins and passwords when accessing this from a location outside of school.</p>	<p>Students login with their HCPSS login and password.</p>
	<p>Click on the login button</p>	<p>Students login with their HCPSS login and password.</p>

 <p>Code.org</p>	<p>Sign up for an account to track your progress. You can browse the various stages and puzzles without an account, but you will need to sign up to save your progress and projects.</p>	<p>Students do not have student accounts set up at school. Please note the Terms of Service require children under the age of 13 to have parent permission in order to sign up for an account.</p>
 <p>Common Sense Education</p>	<p>Common Sense Media helps families make smart media choices. Our Parent Concerns and Parent Blog help families understand and navigate the problems and possibilities of raising children in the digital age.</p>	<p>Access to many of the features of this site are available for free. You may register for a free account. We use some of these resources during our digital citizenship units.</p>
 <p>DreamBox</p>	<p>This is a subscription database used in math classrooms at Talbott Springs. Students are familiar with the navigation features of Dreambox and find the “coins” very motivating to complete different lessons</p>	<p>Students may need to use their school login and password to access their personalized program.</p>
 <p>Khan Academy</p>	<p>The mission of Khan Academy is to provide a free, world-class education to anyone, anywhere.</p>	<p>You can sign up for an account but you may also access many subject areas by scrolling to the bottom of the page and selecting a topic to investigate. Children and Adults use Khan Academy.</p>
 <p>Wixie</p>	<p>Wixie is a publishing and creativity platform that lets students share what they know through their writing, their voice, and their art. Also available as an app.</p>	<p>Students use login and password from school.</p>

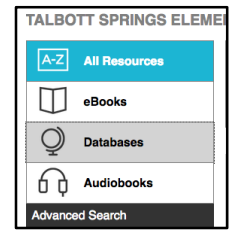


MackinVIA

MackinVia is the entry point for many subscription databases used at Talbott Springs Elementary. Many are used in the classroom on a daily basis.

Under each icon, you will find the necessary login information when accessing these resources outside of school

Click on Databases to access the resources shown below.



User name: talbottsprings
Password: tsesbrain



User name: howardeps
Password: howardeps



password: hcps.
(email not needed for students)



Howard County Public Library



request a PIN number from the library to access

User name: hclibrarymd
Password: hcschools

(Premium Trial Link)



Username: howco
Password: worldbook

