**Spelling Links:**

<http://spellingcity.com> This website helps students prepare for their weekly spelling tests. All you have to do is type in the weekly words. The computer will say the words and use the words in a sentence. There is no fee to use the basic service.

<http://phonogrampage.com/>   Spalding Tutorial - This is a wonderful website. It will help your child practice all the 70 phonogram sounds and show your child how to properly write each letter.

***Spelling Homework***: Remember to have your child practice his/her new spelling words each week.

***Reading & Writing:***

*Macmillan/McGraw-Hill – Wonders is* the school’s adopted reading and writing program. Each reading lesson will teach a component of the most essential Literacy Skills: *phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing*.  Plus, each of the units of instruction will focus on the following: target skills and strategies of reading, phonics & word analysis, and writing.

During our small group reading instruction, your child will set some motivating, realistic, reading goals, which will help him/her to reach the necessary 4th Grade Acadience (DIBELS) Benchmark scores.

**Reading Links:**

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) This computer-based reading program is free. Your child can review his/her Kindergarten Phonics skills, review 1st Grade reading skills, and be challenged with more advanced informational text.

[www.my.waterford.org](http://www.my.waterford.org) This computer-based reading program has been funded by Alpine School District. It is designed to help your child learn the required 4th Grade Core Curriculum that focuses on the Five Building Blocks of Reading: Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, & Comprehension. It is individualized instruction. Your child must have a username and password to access this computer program.

**Writing Information:**

Students will learn how to write simple sentences that are used to create a story line or used to explain a topic of study. Plus, spelling patterns will be taught through the use of explicit, systematic spelling instruction. The students will also learn the steps of writing process: brainstorming, rough draft, revision, editing, publishing, and evaluation.

***Reading Homework:*** It’s recommended that students read 20 minutes of fiction or informational text daily. Parents can record their child’s information on the classroom Reading Log. *Students will receive incentives for their participation. Plus, it is important to have a discussion with your child about the book. You can ask your child what his/her favorite part of the book was or have your child retell the most important parts of the story*.

***Math:***
Students will be using a Balanced Math Framework from Macmillan/McGraw Hill – My Math. Students will daily review their mental math skills, problem solving skills, conceptual understanding skills, and math fact skills.

**Math Links:**

[www.xtramath.org](http://www.xtramath.org) This is an excellent math resource to use at home. Your child will be assigned a username and password to use at home and at school. Your child will need to spend at least 5 - 10 minutes a day on this website.

[www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com) In order to access the Fact Dash computer program, you will need to have Flash player and Shockwave from Macromedia, or you can order Math Facts Dash from the App Store for 99 cents/month if you have an iPhone or an iPad.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=mcmillan+mcgraw+hill-+fact+dash&oq=mcmillan&aqs=chrome.2.69i57j0j69i59j0l3.4197j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

This is a McMillan McGraw-Hill website that students can use to practice all of their math facts using both timed and non-timed tests.  If your child has anxiety when being tested on timed tests, then, this is a great resource for your child to use.

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) To access the math section of this website – just click on the math arcade. Your child can choose the difficulty level of each math game. In order for your child to get homework credit for the math game, he/she must choose a category on the homework sheet that coordinates with the certain math game. Only 10 minutes/day of your child’s math homework minutes can come from this website.

[www.softschools.com](http://www.softschools.com) This website has everything that your child needs to be successful with his/her 4th Grade curriculum. It has worksheets available for all math concepts. Plus, it provides your child with a variety of quizzes over all concepts.

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/> This is a math interactive glossary. It will help your child better understand concepts that we are learning in class.

***Math Homework Calendar:***  Students must know their math facts with fluency! Speed and accuracy are required to be successful at mathematics. It is recommended that students spend 20 minutes a day reviewing their math facts. A Math Homework Calendar will be provided monthly. Students can practice their math facts using flash cards, math websites, or by using math worksheets.

**Social Studies & Science:**
The science and social studies curriculum will be integrated into the different content areas.

**Handwriting & Keyboarding:**

Students will review proper alphabet letter formation and will learn basic keyboarding skills.

[**www.typing.com**](http://www.typing.com) **This website will teach your child proper fingering techniques to learn skills at keyboarding. Your child will have his/her own username and password to access this website. A letter will be provided to help your child register for this website at home. This information will be provided in several weeks.**

[www.softschools.com](http://www.softschools.com)     This website has worksheets available to help students practice proper alphabet letter formation. If your child is struggling to write certain letters properly, you could just print off pages to review the certain letters needed to study. Plus, it offers fun games to help your child learn speed and accuracy at his/her typing skills.

[www.free-training-tutorial.com](http://www.free-training-tutorial.com) In order for your child to use this website, your child will need to go to the home page, and then, click on the link on the left-hand side of the screen that says, “Typing Training – Typing Games for Kids.’