

**Parent-Parent Study Secrets**  
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As a parent, we often seek ways to keep our children interested in learning and moving forward in their educational adventures. A simple approach would be to inspire them to learn and ultimately transform them into leaders of tomorrow. However, we may not necessarily know what that "inspiration" may look like.

Walt Disney Magnet School affords its students the opportunity to use online study programs such as Study Island, ST Math and Think Central by purchasing grade-level specific licenses. This means that children at various grade levels are issued an individual user name and password that grants them access to an individualized learning plan. Another learning opportunity given to the students at Walt Disney Magnet is a website geared towards the lower grade levels called BrainPop. Each of these programs is available to your child 100% free of charge.

**Study Island**

username: first.last@disney

password: disney

StudyIsland.com is promoted as an online ISAT readiness tool. However, in addition to helping your child prepare for the ISAT, your child will find questions that they use in their everyday math, reading, writing, science and social studies lessons.

**ST Math**

The username and password for STMath.com is a set of characters that your child is assigned. The children use ST Math in 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade and the problems the child faces on ST Math correlate with common core standards. The teacher gives the students an activation code allowing the child access while away from school.

**Think Central:**

username: student id

password: chicago

ThinkCentral.com houses a collection of textbooks online. For instance, for grades K-5, you'll find the Reading and Math textbooks. In the upper grades, you'll still find the Reading and Math textbooks and for some grade levels, you also find the Science and Social Studies books.

**BrainPop:**

username: waltdisneym

password: brainpop

Brainpop is a child-oriented website that teaches history, health, math, reading and science in a kid-friendly way through videos and games.

**Parent Shares..... (the following are sites shared by Disney parents and are not sponsored/promoted by Walt Disney Magnet School)**

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

You plug in any spelling word lists your child is working on and the website creates games, puzzles, vocabulary and grammar quizzes using those words in different ways.

[www.Harcourtschool.com/teacher\\_resources/math04\\_ancillaries/index.html](http://www.Harcourtschool.com/teacher_resources/math04_ancillaries/index.html)

Following the Harcourt math program, this website gives your child various opportunities to learn the current math concept.

<http://www.pcboe.net/les/elderweb/third%20grade.htm>

The website notes that it runs in accordance with the Phoenix school system, but the lesson plans are identical to the Harcourt Reading program we use at Disney. On this website you'll find various approaches to study the spelling and vocab words as well as helpful techniques in understanding the story.

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

This is a free website offers assistance in learning for math, reading, science, computer science, finance and even test prep for high school and some college assessments. You'll need to create a username and password to access to the site.