**Capitalization: When Do I Use a Capital Letter?**

* **“I”**
  + I need to remember to do my homework.
* **The first word in a sentence**
  + Grade 7 students should use capitals.
* **Names and initials of people AND animals**
  + Mrs. Egilsson, Snoopy, Tatum Channing, Rosa Parks
* **Names of specific places**
  + **Planets***-* Mars, Earth, Pluto
  + **Continents, countries, provinces, states, regions, cities, and towns**- Canada, Maine, Maritimes, Bridgewater
  + **Bodies of water, mountains, deserts, parks, and forests**- Atlantic Ocean, Mount Carleton, Sahara Desert, Kejimkujik National Park, Sherwood Forest
  + **Buildings, monuments, and streets**- CN Tower, Trans-Canada Highway
* **Names of ships, trains, planes, and spacecraft**
  + Bluenose, Voyager, Concorde
* **Languages, nationalities, and religions**
  + French, English, Canadian, Roman Catholic
* **Specific teams, groups and businesses**
  + South Shore Ice Sharks, Math Club, South Shore Regional Hospital
* **Historical events, periods, and documents**
  + World War II, Middle Ages, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
* **Special events, days, months, and holidays**
  + Senior Prom, World Series, Monday, January, Canada Day
* **Brand names, courses, and award titles**
  + Nike, Hollister, Science 7, Grammy Awards
* **The words in the greeting of a letter**
  + Dear Mrs. Hall,
* **The first word in the closing of a letter**
  + Your friend,
* **Important words in titles**
  + The Cat in the Hat, Eragon, Diary of a Wimpy Kid

