**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

