**Capitalization Rules**

1. **Capitalize mom, dad, grandma, grandpa and other family relations if that is used as their name (if that is how you address them).**

Judy thinks my mom is the nicest person. Since Mom can’t go, I will stay home.

1. **Capitalize proper nouns – names, places, events, things, streets, cities, states, countries, specific name of rivers and oceans.**

Mike Modano, Papa John’s, FIFA World Cup, Golden Gate Bridge, Blue Jay Drive, Mansfield, Texas, United States, Nile River, Pacific Ocean

1. **Capitalize the pronoun I or a contraction with I - I’m (I am), I’ve (I have), I’d**

**(I would).**

1. **Capitalize days of the week, months, and holidays; do not capitalize seasons.**

Tuesday, August, Thanksgiving Day, Independence Day; fall, winter, spring, summer

1. **Capitalize important words in the titles of books, songs, magazines, and movies.**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid, “Second Chance,” Sports Illustrated, Guardians of the Galaxy

1. **Capitalize regions but do not capitalize directions.**

I live in the Southwest. You need to drive south 2 miles then turn right.

1. **Capitalize titles that appear before names, but not after names.**

Senator Steve Zinc Steve Zinc, senator Dr. David Brown David Brown, doctor

1. **Capitalize the first word of a sentence even in a quotation.**

The Dallas Stars are my favorite hockey team. “Do you like hockey?” asked Tommy.

1. **Capitalize a divided quotation if it is two different sentences.**

“Yes, I like hockey,” Jose answered. “It is my favorite sport.”

**If the sentence continues, do not capitalize the second part of the divided quote.**

“I only like soccer,” Brenda replied, “because my family always plays on Sunday.”