## Capitalization

What is my child expected to know and be able to do each year?

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<th>Kindergarten</th>
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| • Capitalize the first word in a sentence and the pronoun *I* | • All kindergarten expectations plus:  
  o Capitalize dates and names of people. | • All kindergarten and first grade expectations plus:  
  o Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names. |

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| • All kindergarten-second grade expectations plus:  
  o Capitalize appropriate words in titles. | • All kindergarten-third grade expectations plus:  
  • Capitalize the first letter of a direct quote that is a complete sentence. *(i.e. Bob said, “I like dogs.”)*  
  • If a direct quotation is interrupted mid-sentence, do not capitalize the second part of the quotation. *(i.e. “I like dogs”, Bob said, “but I don't have one.”)* | • All kindergarten-fourth grade expectations |

Expectations are taken from the [Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards](https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/mccr/)  
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