

Hopkins Conventions Expectations

What do we want students to know at each grade level for conventions?

- If written in green it is an end of year expectation
- If highlighted in red, it is a standard that must be mastered by the end of that grade
- If highlighted in green, it is a standard that is introduced at that grade level
- If written in blue, it is review of a previously mastered skill

Kindergarten
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Start with capital ("I" pronoun)● Spaces between words● End with punctuation● Uses lowercase letters● Write left to right, top to bottom
First grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No Crazy Capitals● Capital to start sentence and names● Spell grade level memory words correctly● End punctuation . ? !● Correct Grammar (match verbs and nouns)● Spell unknown words phonetically
Second Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Correct capitalization - beginning of sentences, proper nouns, introduce capitals in titles● Correct end punctuation● Commas in lists, dates, address (city, state), letter greetings and closings● Uses the grade level spelling patterns● Forms contractions correctly● Writes simple complete sentences with few errors
Third Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Capitalize words in titles● Use commas in addresses● Use commas and quotations marks in dialogue● Add commas in a list (review)● Form and use possessives● Use conventional spelling for HFW and studied words; including adding suffixes to base words● Use spelling patterns and generalizations (word families, syllable patterns, ending rules)● Capitalize beginning of sentences, letter "I", proper nouns (review)

- Consult reference materials to check and correct spellings
- Adding punctuation at end of sentences (review)

Fourth Grade

- Capitalization - beginning of sentences and proper nouns (titles, character names, etc)
- Complete sentences -
 - separate thoughts into separate sentences
 - Periods fix run-ons or fragments
 - Introduce complex sentences
- Grade Level appropriate spelling
 - Domain-specific words if available
 - Word endings
 - Sight words/HFW
- Use quotation marks when citing text
 - Lead in, "quote"

Fifth Grade

- Capitals - names, titles, I
- Periods at the end of sentences
- Question marks for questions
- Commas - separate a list, direct address, prepositional phrases
- Spelling
- Dialogue
- Identify titles with Italics, underline or quotation marks
- Verb tense (perfect tense)
- Know parts of speech - conjunction, prepositions, interjections