Lesson Topic
Capitalization

1.) Months - My birthday is in December.
2.) the letter I – I can’t wait to open the presents I received.
3.) Names – Proper nouns – specific places, people, and things.
4.) Titles – I really enjoyed reading Star Wars.
5.) Start of Sentences - The first letter is always capitalized in every sentence.

DISCUSSION: Relationship -1) Lesson to Unit AND 2) Importance of Lesson to Daily Life
1.) Practice MECHANICS in writing: punctuation, spelling, capitalization, parts of speech, etc. These are conventions, and you just have to memorize them. 2.) Knowing capitalization rules will make me a better writer.

Self-Test Questions (Evaluation):
1. Is I always capitalized in a sentence?
2. Do you capitalize the breed of a dog?
3. Must I capitalize the first word of a sentence?
4. Do I capitalize proper nouns name?
5. Do I always capitalize the titles of articles, books, magazines, songs, and albums?
6. Must I capitalize days of the week and months of the year?

Tasks/Strategies:
- **MINTS** = Months, pronoun I, Names, Titles, Start of Sentences, (basic capitalization rules)
- Other strategies:
  - Days of the week, months and holidays but not seasons
  - The pronoun “I”
  - Days of the week, months and holidays but not seasons
  - Directions like North and South but only when used as specific places like: I lived in the South
  - Major words in the titles of books, songs and articles
  - The first word in a sentence

Adapted from the Content Enhancement Series, The Lesson Organizer Routine, for use by Sturowski & Associates, 1997. Permission or use granted by B. Keith Lenz