**Dialogue Rules**

**RULE #1: A direct quotation begins with a capital letter.**

Jimmy shouted, “See you at the game!”

“Is it true?" asked Cindy.

**RULE #2: When a quotation is interrupted into two parts with words like “he asked” or “the**

**teacher demanded,” the second part begins with a lower case letter.**

“What are some of the things,” Mrs. Baskin inquired, “that make school so much fun?”

“One thing I like,” replied Sarah, “is recess!”

**RULE #3: When writing dialogue, all punctuation marks at the end of the quotation go inside**

**the quotation marks.**

“Let's visit the museum,” suggested Samantha.

Jon replied, “Didn't we go there last weekend?”

“But when we did,” Beth added, “we didn't see the Ancient Egyptian exhibit.”

**RULE #4: Do not put a period at the end of a quotation followed by things like *she said*, *mom***

***asked*, *he explained*, etc. Use commas, question marks, and exclamation marks but**

**not periods. Periods end sentences.**

“My Algebra class is driving me crazy!” Paul yelled.

“That's my favorite class,” Becky replied.

**RULE #5: Make a new paragraph (indent) when a different person begins to speak.**

"Last night, I dreamt that I ate a giant marshmallow," Kevin said.

"Was that anything like the dream you had about eating your way through a mountain of fruit cocktail?" asked Suzy.

"Scarier," Kevin explained. "This time I woke up and my pillow was gone."

**OTHER REMINDERS:**

-Always make it clear who is speaking in the dialogue.

-Try to avoid using the word “said” repeatedly.