

## **COPS Writing Strategy**

*COPS is a mnemonic used to help students remember, and look for, common writing mistakes.*

**C**

### **Capitalization**

*Have I capitalized the first word and proper nouns?*

**O**

### **Overall Appearance**

*Have I made any handwriting, margin, messy, or spacing errors?*

**P**

### **Punctuation**

*Have I used end punctuation, commas, and semicolons correctly?*

**S**

### **Spelling**

*Do the words look like they're spelled right, can I sound them out or should I use the dictionary?*