**Apostrophe rules**

→ **’s** shows belonging/ownership. A word ending in ‘s is “possessive.”

- The student’s pencil = the pencil belonging to the student.
- Francisco’s hat = the hat belonging to Francisco.
- New Mexico’s capital city = the capital city of New Mexico.

→ If the possessive word is plural, the apostrophe goes after the s.

- The students’ pencils = the pencils belonging to the students.
- The boxes’ sides = the sides of the boxes