Apostrophe Usage

1) Go to the “Apostrophe” page on the OWL website: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/621/01/ or Google “OWL apostrophe” and select the first link.

2) Carefully read the rules governing apostrophe usage. Pay close attention to the examples.

3) Provide answers to the following:
   a) What are the three uses of the apostrophe?
      i) (1) Give an example of 1st use:
      ii) (1) Give an example of the 2nd use:
      iii) (1) Give an example of the 3rd use:

   b) Do we ever use apostrophes with possessive pronouns? Why, or why not?

   c) What are two good strategies for locating apostrophe errors in our own writing?
      i)  
      ii) 

4) Complete Writing Reading Center Worksheet #32 on “Apostrophes with Possessives” and check your answers in the answer key.

5) Review your errors with a tutor or instructor on duty. Note down what types of errors you are making, whether there is a pattern, and which rule gives you the most problems:

6) Attach a confirmation sheet or get a signature below:

   Instructor/Tutor Signature   Date