Grammar Quick Tip: Dates in Sentences

Ordinal figures (1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}) or ordinal words (first, second, third) are used when the day precedes the month or stands alone. Cardinal figures (1, 2, 3) are used when the day follows the month. Do not use the form February 6\textsuperscript{th} or February sixth, even if that is how it is said when spoken aloud.

Incorrect: Today is February 6\textsuperscript{th}.
Correct: Today is February 6.

Other correct forms:
Today is the 6\textsuperscript{th} of February.
Today is the sixth of February.
Today is the 6\textsuperscript{th}.
Today is the sixth.

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