



EAGLE MOUNTAIN SAGINAW ISD

Fostering a Culture of Excellence

Dear Families,

We are already half-way through the school year! Thank you for a wonderful first semester, and we are encouraged and excited for an even stronger second semester.

In this unit students will analyze sound, structure, and imagery across literary texts. Literary texts include fiction, poetry, drama, and literary nonfiction. Readers become entangled in characters whose lives are created by the various creative techniques employed by authors, and students will create their own creative writing pieces using these same techniques. They will write in more sophisticated ways by incorporating strategic writing craft and technique, and supporting any inferences with evidence from the text. Students should also learn several strategies for elaborating on their ideas such as stretching ideas, adding details and facts, and adding anecdotes and examples.

We are quickly approaching the STAAR test. As such, students will complete the district ninth grade benchmark during the week of January 30. Students will have two writing assessments that will be given before and after each writing unit. The first writing assessment will be administered at the beginning of the unit (1/17-1/24) and the second writing assessment will be administered at the end of the unit (2/13-2/20). The second assessment will be graded using a common standards-based rubric.

Please continue to review your student's performance via Skyward Access, and contact his or her teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

EMS-ISD 9th Grade ELA Teachers