



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN SAGINAW ISD

*Fostering a Culture of Excellence*

Dear Families,

Welcome to the final six weeks for the school year. By the end of this six week period, your child will be aptly prepared for success in 9<sup>th</sup> grade!

During this six week period, we will return our focus to fiction. We will analyze novels in preparation for high school, and craft expository essays by using the texts as a guide.

Our last six weeks will include these big ideas:

- Interacting with texts through annotation, analysis, and comparison
- Analyzing a novel in-depth
- Writing and editing expository compositions guided by mentor texts

At the conclusion of our six weeks, students will take a districtwide ELAR assessment. This will help both the students and teachers assess needs and set goals for future growth in reading and writing skills.

We encourage you to talk to your child about what he or she is learning in class, and regularly review Skyward Access. If your child needs additional help, individual and small group tutorials are available before school; please check with your child's teacher for specific times.

You may also find the following online resources helpful to your child:

- Purdue Online Writing Lab: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/> This website offers a wide array of writing resources.
- Texas Library Association: <http://www.txla.org/> The Lone Star reading list is geared for middle school students.
- Additional resources are available on our district ELAR website: <http://www.emsisd.com/jvu>

Please feel free to contact your child's English teacher if you need additional information or have questions. Thank you for your continued support in keeping your child focused on school during this important time. We look forward to working with you to help ensure your child's success as we finish the school year.

Thank you,

8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELAR Teachers