



EAGLE MOUNTAIN SAGINAW ISD

Fostering a Culture of Excellence

Dear Families:

We are quickly approaching the end of the year. As such, this grading period will be a crucial time for students to fill in any gaps in their knowledge and skills before they advance into high school.

This unit will focus on the individual student's passions. Readers will analyze various texts that revolve around the student's interest so that they can develop that interest into a TED Talk video that they will then show to an authentic audience during Evening with the Experts in May. The students will need to develop a proposal for the topic of their TED Talk. Then they will spend time developing that interest through reading, constructing images or a visual display, interviewing experts, and presenting information through their videos for their Evening with the Experts. Students will answer audience questions about their TED Talk and ask questions of other student experts at this event.

We encourage you to speak with your students about what they are reading, writing, and learning in class. Please be sure to review your student's performance via Skyward Access, and contact his or her teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you this year!

Respectfully,

EMS-ISD 8th Grade Humanities Teachers