



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN SAGINAW ISD

*Fostering a Culture of Excellence*

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Dear Families,

We are more than halfway through the school year! Thank you for a wonderful first semester, and we are encouraged and excited for an even stronger second semester.

Students will learn to consider more complex character traits, to investigate how setting shapes characters, and to analyze how characters are vehicles for themes. Students will go through three phases of essay writing—character-based, theme-based, and compare-contrast—each one building on the last. Students will learn the foundational moves of essay writing—that essays have a common structure that includes a claim or claims and evidence to support those claims.

Students will share at least one piece of writing with a public audience.

During the fourth six weeks, our students will have one reading assessment. Teachers will continue using these assessments to drive instructional decisions, measure growth in writing, and to evaluate their students' ability to transfer the skills that have been taught to independent writing tasks.

Students will complete a common reading assessment during the unit, and semester exams are between January 13-15.

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