



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN SAGINAW ISD

*Fostering a Culture of Excellence*

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Dear Families,

With only one more grading period remaining for this school year, we want to thank you for all of your support and encouragement! This has been a truly fantastic school year brimming with creativity, growth, insight, and maturity. By the end of this grading period, we feel confident that your student will have the skills necessary to be successful in their future English classes.

The most effective way to prepare for STAAR is to be a strong reader with the stamina to read longer passages and comprehend what is being read. The goal of this unit is to help students apply reading strategies for each genre that they have learned during the year. This unit is also about helping students think in logical and flexible ways in a high-stakes testing environment; they will need to stay focused, synthesize information, and connect ideas across a variety of texts and genres.

As writers, students have experienced multiple genres, and it is time for them to showcase their growth this year by celebrating their writing. Students will create a multigenre project which will encourage them to choose their craft based on their purpose. The project will synthesize seemingly unlike ideas around a central message or theme. Students will have the opportunity to apply everything they have learned as writers during this six weeks.

During the final grading period, students will reflect on their growth as writers as they review their writing from throughout the year and complete a written reflection. These reflections will be graded using a district-developed rubric. In addition, the grade six STAAR reading test is May 12.

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

you again for an amazing year.

Respectfully,

EMS-ISD 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELAR Teachers