



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN SAGINAW ISD

*Fostering a Culture of Excellence*

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Dear Families,

With only one more grading period remaining this school year, we want to thank you for all of your support and encouragement! Truly, this has been a 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 they have learned during the year. This unit is also about helping students think in logical and flexible ways in a high-stake testing environment—staying focused, synthesizing information, and connecting ideas across a variety of texts and genres.

During this six-week period, students will reflect on their growth as writers by reviewing compositions they've written throughout the year and complete a reflection project detailing their growth as writers. These reflections will be evaluated using a district-developed rubric and recorded as a major grade. In addition, your students will demonstrate their comprehension skills when they take the STAAR reading test on May 11.

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