**Figurative Language Cheat Sheet**

Simile - The definition of a simile is a figure of speech where two unlike things are compared, generally by using the word like or as. (noun)

*An example of a simile is* **"He is as sweet as honey."**

Metaphor **-** The definition of a metaphor is a word or phrase used to compare two unlike objects, ideas, thoughts or feelings to provide a clearer description. (noun)

*An example of a metaphor is* **calling the dependable father a rock.**

Alliteration **-** The definition of alliteration is a grammatical term meaning two or more words in a row starting with the same sounds. (noun)

*An example of alliteration is* to write, **“...winds whipping wildly.”**

**Personification** **–** The definition of personification is giving human characteristics to non-living things or ideas. (noun)

**An author describing the sun smiling on a field of flowers** *is an example of personification.*

**Onomatopeia –** The definition of onomatopoeia is defined as a word that sounds like the common sound of the object it is describing. (noun)

*An example of onomatopoeia is* **a train being called a choo choo.**

Hyperbole - The definition of hyperbole is a description that is exaggerated for emphasis. (noun)

*An example of hyperbole is* **saying you are so hungry you could eat a horse.**

**Idiom -** The definition of an idiom is the language or expressions used by a specific group of people. (noun)

*An example of idiom is* **the phrase "a dime a dozen."**

**Imagery -** The definition of imagery is pictures created by the mind or from memory. (noun)

*An example of imagery is* a **person remembering what their favorite meal looks like, smells like, sounds like, taste like, and feels like.**