Snow Days or E-Days?

E-Days? What are e-days you ask? Well let's start out like this. Say you wake up on a chilly December day, and you look out the window and you see little white, soft snowflakes dancing to the ground. You're probably thinking that there is going to be no school because the roads are slippery. Come on! Who doesn't want to miss a day of SCHOOL! So you finally get the call from your school that announces that there will be no school today. You decide to play in the snow that only comes around a couple a times a year and take advantage of that snow day. However many school districts all over the United States don't like this because they have to make up all of their work on a beautiful day in June. This is where kids are now going to say goodbye to snow days and hello E-Days. E-Days are an online school program. When it snows in the winter and school gets canceled from the dangerous roads, districts can now have school online. Therefore students don't have to make up days in June. The reason school districts do this is students and teachers can be safe, and learn from home. I definitely support E-Days for several reasons witch I will discuss in the next paragraph.

Believe it or not E-Days are very controversial; people have made videos and articles that state how amazing E-Days can be. Obviously the best part about E-Days is that we don't have to make up days in June. In the article, "News Debate Snowed Out!" it stated that, "E-Days will prevent requiring students to make up days later in the year." Would you prefer spending a cold day sitting on a computer or sitting in school in June when you could be on vacation?" This article also states that it could be disruptive to family vacations and family time which

everybody needs! Another subject is what if a school doesn't have air conditioning!? Imagine working for seven hours straight on a hot day sweating like you're next to the sun. I'd be so distracted, so I couldn't even focus on my school work. Preventing days to be added to June would be a positive aspect on the side of E-Days.

Many school districts have tried E-days, and most of them have been a good result. As much as E-days can be difficult they are definitely worth it. The school districts I'm going to be talking about had a successful E-Day. They came up with many different strategies to help resolve conflicts. One thing they did which I thought was a very good idea was they had a teacher at home on a laptop and she/he was there emailing and calling her/his student so if their students need help, they can get in contact at any time, Brilliant right!? One teacher said, "It's no different from my students coming up to my desk and asking me a question." A lot of schools say the use E-Days is a learning opportunity, and it brings the community together!

As much as I support E-days, I'm going to be honest there are some down falls to them. However I feel with hard work and determination, the problems can be solved. Opponents to E-Days would say that one biggest downgrade with E-Days is that not all students have a laptop or tablet of some kind at their home. Some schools realized that this is a big problem and have come up with a solution. Some schools send home ipads with the students who don't have devices at home. Yet again another problem comes with that. Not all schools can afford ipads or laptops. Some school districts don't have the money to found E-days, and that's a big problem. That's why E-days aren't going to work with some school district. Even though I fully support E-Days these are some of the reasons that make them not so easy to accomplish.

E-Days are a very interesting subject that I think everybody should try. Even though it might not work out the way it was planned, you never know it could be the best decision of your life! Although E-Days seem like they're a big waste of money and time, it could all just be a great learning experience. If schools like it, they just don't do it again. E-Days are something that I personally think will be tried and liked. Everyone has their own opinion about what they think about E-Days, but mine is that they're great. I mostly like them because I think it is a learning process. I hope one day my school tries E-days too!