**English 8 Literary Devices**

**Simile –** a comparison using like or as. Example: *As cute as a kitten.*

**Metaphor –** a comparison without using like or as. Example: *All the world’s a stage.*

**Personification –** giving human traits to an animal or inanimate object. Example: *The wind whistled.*

**Onomatopoeia –** a word that sounds like what it is. Example: *Woof, Bang, Pow.*

**Hyperbole –** an over-exaggeration. Example: *I told her a million times.*

**Oxymoron –** a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction. Example: *jumbo shrimp, love hate.*

**Alliteration -**  the occurence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words. Example:  *The bee buzzed around Bob’s beautiful balloon flowers.*