

End of First Quarter:

It is amazing that we have already completed a quarter of the school year. We will be distributing the quarter progress report grades on Nov. 19. to the individual students through the 6th period classes. Please mark this date on your calendar and ask your child for the progress report on Nov. 19. This quarter grade is an indicator of the student's achievement and performance at this time in the year. The final semester grade is an assessment of the student's work for both first and second quarters by January 22, 2010.

I want to thank you for encouraging and expecting your child to talk to the teacher directly about his/her work and grades during first quarter. As I have met with teachers this fall, they have observed that about 80% of the communication is occurring directly between the student and teacher; this is a strong indication of your emphasis on the child's ownership and responsibility; we appreciate that very much. Using Webgrader for this communication is certainly putting the information in both the parent and student's hands. Please continue to reinforce this expectation with your child; the teachers have indicated that the students are thoughtful, want to be "on top of their work" and that the communication is having very positive results. Thank you.