Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our third Interim Progress Report (IPR) is here. At Lange Middle School, we want ALL our students to be successful.

Below is a list of recommended strategies to support your student's academic success.

- Contact your student’s teacher(s) to find out more information and work with him/her to develop a plan for improvement. Find out when extra help is available and arrange for your student to attend.
- Sign up for Home Access by calling the Lange office (214-3250). Home Access allows students and families access to view online grades.
- Set aside a few minutes daily to check in with your student academically. Establishing a routine where you check in with your student empowers him/her to take control of his/her academic responsibilities.
- Work with your student to find a space where he/she can routinely work on academics. This could be a desk, table, comfortable couch, etc… It is as individual as your student.
- Set limits on electronics. Some families have their students earn electronic time: every minute of academic time earns them a minute of electronics. Work first, then play.
- Set academic goals (both big and small) and celebrate successes!
- Remind your student why education is important. Spend time talking about his/her future after high school. What career plans does he/she have? What does he/she need to get there? [www.missouriconnections.org](http://www.missouriconnections.org) is a great place to explore careers and interests.

This is the last IPR before semester grades are calculated. Consider the IPR to be a snapshot of your student’s grade at the current time. It can also be used to mark improvement and/or areas of struggle.

Middle school is a great time to work with your student on academic improvement. He/she is likely to have more responsibility now than when in elementary school. Middle school is a time of great change: academically and developmentally. Students have more freedom than before and need adults to guide and lead them to manage these changes. The habits you teach them now will help them take responsibility in high school and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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