Progress reports:

In the second year and again in the third year the student delivers a report of about 3000 words (about 10 pages) which describes: Background, progress made, problems encountered with discussion of the reasons, future goals, experimental plan, time plan, and publication strategy. The format of the report should assume the format of your thesis. However if enough results have been obtained and on recommendation of the direct supervisor, it can alternatively be written in the form of a publication including an extended discussion and outlook part describing future plans. These reports are again read by the thesis committee members and must thus be delivered to them at least two weeks in advance of the thesis committee meeting.