

## Introductory Assignment

1. Complete the **Student Information form** by the second day of class. Be as specific as possible with the math background information. Do not staple to this set.  
  
Any math course with DSP or starting with 0 is not college level. They are called College Prep.
2. Complete the **Math Study Skills Evaluation**. Complete the **score sheet** on the last page. You will be graded on accuracy.
3. Write three paragraphs in correct grammatical form, one on each topic listed. You will be graded on grammatical form. Use **separate paper and attach** completed paragraphs to this packet. They must be neat and legible if handwritten.
  - a. **Describe** one positive study skill you possess from the Study Skills Evaluation. How does it help you succeed in math and in other subjects?
  - b. **Describe** one study skill that needs improvement from the Study Skills Evaluation. How does it take away from your ability to succeed in school?
  - c. **Describe** your math history. What math classes have you taken? What calendar year (date)? Describe any positive or negative experiences related to your math history. Why are you taking this class? Do you have a personal goal related to this class? Do you feel that you can learn math if it is presented the way you learn?
4. Send an e-mail to me in NS Online. Always use good grammar, punctuation, and capitalization in your e-mails – be professional! Include your personal e-mail and best phone number along with a journal writing. The journal writing should include your impressions about NS Online – did you try the sample course or any of the instruction sheets on the homepage, did you have any problems, how did you solve them, what questions do you have, did you read the News, did you check the Content page, etc.? List the information on the Content page.
5. If you have Math Anxiety or Test Anxiety, please let me know on the Student Information sheet. These websites might be helpful.
  - a. <http://www.mathpower.com/anxtest.htm>  
  
**Math anxiety is an emotional reaction to mathematics based on a past unpleasant experience which harms future learning. A good experience learning mathematics can overcome these past feelings and success and future achievement in math can be attained.**
  - b. Take the Learning Style Inventory at <http://www.metamath.com/lswb/dvclearn.htm>. The link is in the first paragraph or at the bottom of the screen and is called "Learning Styles Survey".
  - c. [www.interactmath.com](http://www.interactmath.com) has tutorials for all homework problems.
6. Participate in a class discussion of math study skills and introductions.