WHAT IS THIS COURSE?

THIS COURSE IS ABOUT MATHEMATICS; 
IT IS ABOUT UNDERSTANDING; 
IT IS ABOUT LEARNING.

This is a reading course. 
This is a thinking course. 
This is a writing course. 
This is an understanding course. 
This is a learning course.

In this course I am
• your guide as to what you read,
• your motivator and encourager as to the depth of your thought,
• your evaluator as to what you write,
• your helper as to what you understand, and
• your “fan” as to your success in learning.

I cannot do any of these activities for you. I can only support and encourage your progress in each area to the best of my ability. I can, however, state that unless you, yourself, give considerable effort to the first three categories stated above, you will not realize your full potential in the fourth and fifth categories.

And it is in these latter two areas that we find both the measure of your success as a learner and my success as a teacher.

Your grade in this class is irrelevant. You must never confuse cause with effect! It is what you learn that is important, not the grade. If you learn the material, then the grade will follow. The real measure of (our) success is NOT the grade you make in this class; it is, figuratively speaking, the grade that you make in Calc I.