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Concordia West, Irvine, CA 92612. *Let's Talk Mathematics.*

Mathematics is often viewed as a foreign language by the general education student. In our Math 211 course, Nature of Mathematics, we incorporate a project designed to foster understanding and communication of mathematics by students usually struck with math anxiety. The project incorporates three significant oral presentation opportunities for students: individual oral exam, class presentation and poster session. Additionally, the project has several short writing components including a library research source analysis, logs and group/self evaluations. In this session, guidelines and grading assessments for both oral and written components of the project will be shown. Student responses from self-evaluations will be shared to illustrate how the assignment has helped students improve their attitudes towards, and understanding of, mathematics. (Received September 22, 2006)