

PROPERTIES OF
EQUALITY/REAL
NUMBERS
posters

TEACHER TIPS

- print, laminate and cut out each of the properties of equality pages.
- hang posters in your room for a visual reminder to students of the properties of equality.

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PROPERTIES OF EQUALITY

PROPERTIES OF REAL NUMBERS

Commutative Property:

$$a+b=b+a$$

$$3+2=2+3$$

$$a(b)=b(a)$$

$$4(2)=2(4)$$

ASSOCIATIVE PROPERTY

$$a+(b+c)=(a+b)+c$$

$$1+(2+3)=(1+2)+3$$

$$a(bc)=(ab)c$$

$$3(6\cdot 8)=(3\cdot 6)8$$

Identity Property

$$a+0=a$$

$$3+0=3$$

$$a(1)=a$$

$$4(1)=4$$

SYMMETRIC PROPERTY

If $a=b$, then $b=a$

$x=2$ and $2=x$

reflexive property

$a=a$

all real numbers equal themselves.

transitive property

If $a=b$, and $b=c$, then $a=c$

$2=x$, and $x = y$ then $2 = y$

Distributive Property

$$a(b+c)=ab+ac$$

$$x(y-z)=xy-xz$$

$$5(3+2)=15 +10=25$$

$$6(8-4)=48 -24 =24$$

MULTIPLICATION PROPERTY

If $a=b$, then $ac=bc$

$$5=5 \text{ and } 5(3)=5(3)$$

Division Property

If $a=b$, then $a/c=b/c$

("c" cannot be zero)

$$12=12 \text{ and } 12/4=12/4$$

Addition Property

If $a=b$, then $a+c=b+c$

$$2 = 2, \text{ then } 2+3=2+3$$

Subtraction Property

If $a=b$, then $a-c=b-c$

$$4 = 4, \text{ then } 4 - 1 = 4 - 1$$

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