

Grade 6 Properties of Operations Foldable

Properties of Operations

equal to itself

$$a + 0 = a$$

$$4 + 0 = 4$$

equal to itself

$$a \times 1 = a$$

$$4 \times 1 = 4$$

Identity

Addition

Multiplication

changing the ORDER of 2 or more addends does NOT change answer

$$2 + 3 = 3 + 2$$

$$5 = 5$$

changing the ORDER of 2 or more factors does NOT change answer

$$2 \times 3 = 3 \times 2$$

$$6 = 6$$

Commutative

Addition

Multiplication

changing the GROUPING of #s in addition problem does NOT change answer

$$(2 + 3) + 4 = 2 + (3 + 4)$$

$$5 + 4 = 2 + 7$$

$$9 = 9$$

changing the GROUPING of factors in ~~X~~ problem does NOT change answer

$$(2 \cdot 3) \cdot 4 = 2 \cdot (3 \cdot 4)$$

$$6 \cdot 4 = 2 \cdot 12$$

$$24 = 24$$

Associative

Addition

Multiplication

add OPPOSITES to = 0

$$4 + (-4) = 0$$

$$a + (-a) = 0$$

multiply a # by its RECIPROCAL (Flip) to = 1

$$\frac{3}{4} \rightarrow \frac{4}{3} = \frac{12}{12} = 1$$

$$\frac{4}{1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

Inverse

Addition

Multiplication

multiply # on outside of () to every # inside ().

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

$$2(x+3)$$

$$2x + 6$$

$$3(x+4)$$

$$3(x) + 3(4)$$

$$3x + 12$$

Distributive

1-1 Properties CW

Reflexive Property for any real # a , $a = a$
(mirror image)
(ex) $4 = 4$

Symmetric Property for any real #s a & b , if $a = b$
(reverse order) then $b = a$ if $x + 3 = 7$, then $7 = x + 3$
(ex) if $\frac{2}{5} = .4$, then $.4 = \frac{2}{5}$ or if $.75 = \frac{3}{4}$, then $\frac{3}{4} = .75$

Transitive Property for any real #s a , b , & c , if $a = b$ & $b = c$,
(transfer info) then $a = c$.
(ex) if $\frac{2}{5} = .4$ & $.4 = 40\%$, then $\frac{2}{5} = 40\%$.



For each problem, identify the property that is represented.

1. $234 + (-234) = 0$

Additive Inverse

2. $-4 \times (3 \times 5) = (-4 \times 3) \times 5$

3. $-24 \times 1 = -24$

Multiplicative Identity

4. $-67 \times 56 = 56 \times (-67)$

5. $-456 + 34 = 34 + (-456)$

Additive Commutative

6. $4 \times 0.25 = 1$

7. If $5 = (-1)(-5)$ then $(-1)(-5) = 5$.

Symmetric

8. If $c = 5 \times 7$ and $35 = 70 \div 2$,
then $c = 70 \div 2$.

9. $a + (4 + c) = (a + 4) + c$

additive associative

10. $\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) = 1$

11. $-2\frac{3}{4} \times 1 = -2\frac{3}{4}$

multiplicative
Identity

12. $\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{3} + 5\right) = \left(-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{3}\right) + 5$