Addition Properties

Commutative Property of Addition

We can add numbers in any order. Changing the order of the addends doesn't change the sum.

Example: 2 + 3 = 3 + 2 = 5

Associative Property

We can group numbers in different ways. No matter how you group the addends, the sum stays the same.

Example: (7+6)+4=7+(6+4)=17

Identity Property

When we add zero to a number, the sum is the same number.

Example: 8 + 0 = 8

Inverse Property

When we add a number to its negative, the sum is always zero.

Example: 15 + (-15) = 0