

ALGEBRA 1

Below are some foundational equations for **Algebra 1**, for your review.

$$(a + b)^1 = a + b$$

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$$

$$(a^2 - b^2) = (a + b)(a - b)$$

Distributive Property

$$3(x + 5) = 3x + 15$$

$$a(x + y) = ax + by$$

Zero Exponents

$$4^0 = 1$$

$$22^0 = 1$$

$$y^0 = 1$$

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Rule of Negative Exponents

$$x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2} \qquad a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$$

Laws of Exponents

$$y^3 + y^4 = y^7 \qquad (a^3)^5 = a^{15}$$

$$(2xy)^3 = 2^3 x^3 y^3$$

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$$8 x^3 y^3$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \frac{2^n}{3^n}$$

$$(-3)^3 = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3)$$
$$= 9 \cdot (-3)$$
$$= -27$$

4 Keys to Making Algebra Work!

- 1.) Focus on Relationships
- 2.) Think Situations, not word problems.
- 3.) Provide opportunities for productive failure, and think growth.
- 4.) Start early.
- 5.) Present difficult problems.

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