Properties of Inequality

Addition and Subtraction Properties of Inequality (pp. 357, 358) Adding or subtracting the same number on each side of an inequality produces an equivalent inequality.	If $a < b$, then $a + c < b + c$ and $a - c < b - c$.
	If $a > b$, then $a + c > b + c$ and $a - c > b - c$.
Multiplication and Division Properties of Inequality (pp. 363, 364)	If $a < b$ and $c > 0$, then
Multiplying or dividing each side of an inequality by a <i>positive</i> number produces an equivalent inequality. Multiplying or dividing each side of an inequality by a <i>negative</i> number and <i>reversing the</i> direction of the inequality are duese an equivalent inequality.	$ac < bc$ and $\frac{a}{c} < \frac{b}{c}$.
	If $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then
anection of the inequality symbol produces an equivalent inequality.	$ac > bc$ and $\frac{a}{c} > \frac{b}{c}$.

Properties of Exponents

Product of Powers Property (p. 489) To multiply powers having the same base, add the exponents.	$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$
Power of a Power Property (p. 490) To find a power of a power, multiply exponents.	$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
Power of a Product Property (p. 490) To find a power of a product, find the power of each factor and multiply.	$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$
Quotient of Powers Property (p. 495) To divide powers having the same nonzero base, subtract exponents.	$\frac{a^m}{a^n}=a^{m-n}, a\neq 0$
Power of a Quotient Property (p. 496) To find a power of a quotient, find the power of the numerator and the power of the denominator and divide.	$\left(rac{a}{b} ight)^m=rac{a^m}{b^m},b eq 0$

Other Properties

Cross Products Property (p. 168) The cross products of a proportion are equal.	If $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ (<i>b</i> , $d \neq 0$), then $ad = bc$.
Product Property of Radicals (p. 719) The square root of a product equals the product of the square roots of the factors.	$\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}, a \ge 0 \text{ and } b \ge 0$
Quotient Properties of Radicals (p. 720) The square root of a quotient equals the quotient of the square roots of the numerator and denominator.	$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}, a \ge 0 \text{ and } b > 0$