Vocabulary Words	Definitions	Key Operations	Examples/Sentences/Visuals
variable	A letter that represents an unknown number	•	
constant	Any number because its value never changes		
coefficient	The number in front of the variable. It tells you how many of the variable you have.		
substitute	to replace a variable in an algebraic expression with a known value or equation		
exponent	The LITTLE (top) number. It indicates how many times the base is multiplied.		
base	The BIG (bottom) number. It is the number that is BEING MULTIPLIED.		
expression	When there are a combination of variables, constants, and coefficients		
equation	When two things are equal to each other (the left side is equal to the right side). Ex: 7 + 2 = 9		
like terms	When you have variables raised to the same power or exponent. Ex: 7a, -3a, and a		
distributive property	The result obtained when a value is multiplied by another value. Ex: $6(3x + 7) = 18x + 42$		