K – 2 Common Math Vocabulary

Digits – the written symbols	
for any of the numbers 0–9	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ,6, 7, 8, 9
Add – to join together	addend or partner
Addend or Partner- the	
numbers being added	
together in an equation	+ 2 = 3
Sum – the result of an	
addition equation	sum
Subtract – to take a number	
or amount from another	
number or amount	Minuend
Difference – the answer to a	/
subtraction equation	/ Subtrahend
Minuend – the first number in	
a subtraction equation (the	
number from which the	8 - 5 = 3
subtrahend is to be	
subtracted)	
Subtrahend – second number	
in a subtraction equation (the	Difference
number subtracted from the	
minuend)	



Compose – putting numbers	Examples
or groups of numbers	() + 4 ➡ 4
together to form one number	
or set	
Decompose – breaking a	Examples
number or set into its parts or	2 → 0 + 2
components	
Congruent – items that are	
the same size and shape	
(You can turn, slide, or rotate	
and they will fit on top of	
each other.)	
Triangle – a 2-dimensional	
shape with 3 straight sides	
and 3 angles	
Rectangle – a 2-dimensional	
shape with four straight sides,	
opposite sides are equal and	
parallel, and 4 right angles	
Square – a 2-dimensional	
shape with 4 straight sides of	
equal length and 4 right	
angles	





