Follow the Brick Road

Scott and Lauren are making a brick path in the school garden. Scott places 6 rows of bricks with 2 bricks in each row. Lauren places 4 rows of bricks with 3 bricks in each row. Scott turns to Lauren and says, “Look! This is what we did in math. We’re using the Commutative Property of Multiplication.” Lauren disagrees. Who is right?

1. Draw an array to show how Scott placed his bricks. Write a multiplication sentence for the array.

2. Draw an array to show how Lauren placed her bricks. Write a multiplication sentence for the array.

3. Explain who is correct.