

Patterns in Numbers

You have learned that repeated multiplication can be represented using exponential notation. You may discover some interesting patterns when working with these numbers.

The table at the right shows powers of 2 from 2^1 to 2^{10} in exponential and standard forms.

Powers of 2	Powers of 3
$2^1 = 2$	
$2^2 = 4$	
$2^3 = 8$	
$2^4 = 16$	
$2^5 = 32$	
$2^6 = 64$	
$2^7 = 128$	
$2^8 = 256$	
$2^9 = 512$	
$2^{10} = 1024$	

1. Describe the pattern in the table.

2. Continue the pattern. Write the next three numbers in exponential and standard forms.

3. Complete the chart above to represent the powers of 3 from 3^1 through 3^{10} . What patterns do you see in these numbers?

4. Are the patterns the same for the powers of 2 and 3? Why or why not?

5. What do you think the pattern will be if the base is 8? Explain.
