# BELL RINGER:

1. Please list as many characteristics of Arithmetic sequences as you can.

2. Please list as many characteristics of a geometric sequence as you can.

(You may not know what a geometric sequence is which is **ok**, please guess!)

3. Please compare and contrast the two sequences. What do they have in common? What is different about them?

# **OBJECTIVES**

- I CAN identify characteristics of arithmetic and geometric sequences.
- I CAN compare and contrast arithmetic and geometric sequences.
- I CAN graph and create my own geometric sequence.

# **ARITHMETIC SEQUENCES**



The terms of the sequence increase or decrease by a constant difference, also known as the common difference.

► Ex: -4,1,6,11,16,...



► Arithmetic sequences represent a linear model. ► general formula:  $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$ 

# **GEOMETRIC SEQUENCES**

- Also a sequence and contains terms
- The terms increase or decrease by a constant and common ratio= r.
- **EX:** 128, 64, 32, 16, 8,...

Position, x			
Term, y			

> General Formula:  $a_n =$ 

$$a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

What does the graph of the geometric sequence look like?



#### GEOMETRIC VS. ARITHMETIC

<u>Directions</u>: Please identify if the sequence is **geometric** or **arithmetic**. Then, find the **general formula** for the sequence and the  $a_6$  term of the sequence.

1. 3, 6, 9, 12, ...

2. 4, -16, 64, -256, ...

# EXIT SLIP

- 1. Please list as many characteristics of Arithmetic sequences as you can.
- 2. Please list as many characteristics of a geometric sequence as you can.
- 3. Please compare and contrast the two sequences. List some similarities and differences between them.
- 4. Create your own geometric sequence that contains at least 4 terms.

HOMEWORK: Pg. 540 Problems 1-10