## Fun and Games on a Chess Board

I Names of squares on the chess board

Color the following squares on the chessboard below:

c3, c4, c5, c6, d5, e4, f3, f4, f5, f6



What letter do these squares form together?

## II How many squares are there on a chessboard?

A chessboard itself is a square with side 8.

- 1. The number of  $1 \times 1$  squares on the chess board is 64
- 2. What about bigger squares? Let's first count squares of size  $2 \times 2$ :



Idea: Instead of counting  $2 \times 2$  squares, we will count the small  $1 \times 1$  squares which can serve as the left lower corners of the  $2 \times 2$  squares that fit on the chessboard.

First, shade the left lower corner of the  $2 \times 2$  square above.

For each of the squares below, decide if it can be a left lower corner of a  $2 \times 2$  square:



Now color *all*  $1 \times 1$  squares that can serve as the left lower corners of a  $2 \times 2$  square:



How many  $2 \times 2$  squares can you fit onto a chessboard?

7x7=49

3. For each of the squares below, decide if it can be a left lower corner of a  $3 \times 3$  square:



Now color all  $1 \times 1$  squares that can serve as the left lower corners of a  $3 \times 3$  square:



How many  $3 \times 3$  squares can you fit onto a chessboard?

6x6=36

## Now you can fill out the table below:

Type of Square	Number of such squares
	64
	49
	36