Dog Days of Summer Exploration Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1) Use your unit squares to build all possible rectangles that have a perimeter of 18.

a) Draw a picture of your rectangles on the grids below.

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b) Complete the table below. It will be helpful if your list your lengths in sequential order.

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c) What length and width produces the rectangle with the greatest area?

2) Use your unit squares to build all possible rectangles that have a perimeter of 30.

a) Complete the table below. It will be helpful if your list your lengths in sequential order.

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b) What length and width produces the rectangle with the greatest area?

3) Use your unit squares to build all possible rectangles that have a perimeter of 24.

a) Complete the table below. It will be helpful if your list your lengths in sequential order.

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b) What length and width produces the rectangle with the greatest area?

4) Graph the values from your 3 tables on the graph below. Use the ordered pair (Length, Area). Use a different color for each of the 3 perimeters.

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5) Describe the graphs. What do all of the rectangles with the largest area have in common?

6) If you were to use fractional widths and lengths, could you build a larger rectangle with a perimeter of 30? Explain.