Name: Date:

Activity 2.6.2 Making a Warm Front/Cold Front

Objectives:

To discuss the four types of fronts.

To use that knowledge of fronts to determine the type of weather along fronts labeled on a weather map.

Materials:

- Clear plastic shoe box
- Two 100 ml beakers
- Hot plate
- Thermometer
- Thermal gloves or pot holders
- Ice
- Water
- Goggles
- WEATHERlogs

Procedure:

- 1. Pour 80 ml of water into one beaker.
- 2. Place the beaker on the hot plate and heat the water to 90 degrees Celsius.
- 3. Put the ice in the other beaker.
- 4. Use the thermal gloves or pot holder to place the beaker of hot water into the shoe box approximately 1 centimeter to the right of center.
- 5. Then place the beaker of ice 1 centimeter to the left of center in the shoe box. (They should be approximately 2 centimeters apart.)
- 6. Cover the shoe box and observe.

Observations:

Conclusions:

Using your model, explain what happens when a cold front moves into the area.





EXPAND/ADAPT/CONNECT

Objectives:

To observe models of fronts.

Materials:

- 250 ml beaker
- 100 ml of oil
- 100 ml of water
- Red food coloring
- WEATHERlogs

Procedure:

- 1. Take 100 ml of oil and place it in a 250-ml beaker.
- 2. Place 3 or 4 drops of red food coloring in 100 ml of water.
- 3. Carefully pour the water down the side of the beaker. Record your observations

Observations:

Conclusions:

Compare what you observed with what happens when a cold air mass meets a warm air mass.

Observe the sky for two weeks and make weather predictions based on clouds and the arrival of fronts.

