

GRADES**5-7****Exploring Clouds****Materials:**Activities

Cardboard
Cloud photos
Markers
Tape

Worksheets

Aviation cloud chart

Key Terms:

Cirrus
Cirrocumulus
Cirrostratus
Alto cumulus
Altostratus
Nimbostratus
Stratocumulus
Stratus
Cumulus
Cumulonimbus

Objective:

Students will learn about different types of clouds and how they affect the weather and flights.

Activity Overview:

Students will explore different types of clouds and their effects on the weather, make a cloud categorizer, and discuss how clouds affect airplanes during takeoff, landing and cruising.

Activities:

1. Introduction
 - Ask students how they decided what to wear today (possible answers: sunshine, wind, clouds)
 - Ask students if they have heard of the expression "Red skies in the morning, sailors take warning? Red skies at night, sailors' delight."
2. Different types of clouds
 - Students learn about types of clouds that form at different levels and the weather conditions associated with each type.
 - Have students discuss in groups what types of clouds are associated with nice weather and severe weather.
3. Make a cloud categorizer
 - Each group of students (3-4) is given a piece of cardboard and pictures of different types of clouds. Instruct students to cut out the center rectangle.
 - Students try to recognize the types of clouds and tape the cloud photos to the card board and name each one.
 - Have students put the cardboard up and look at the clouds through the center hole, identify the clouds and how they affect the weather.
4. Discussion
 - What types of clouds affect aircraft during takeoff, landing and cruising?
 - What type of clouds would concern a pilot most? Cumulonimbus

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