Projectile Motion The Catapult Lab

Objective: To apply the laws of Physics and the equations for projectile motion to design a catapult that can accurately launch a marshmallow the farthest.

Materials and Methods:

In this lab you will be building marshmallow catapults. Your catapult will need to be able to launch a marshmallow in the range of 3-6 m. Your catapult must be able to launch a marshmallow at any angle between 0 and 90 degrees.

Use your chromebook and look up designs. Google "Craft stick catapult"

Possible material suggestions:

- 1) rubber bands
- 2) masking tape
- 3) duct tape
- 4) wood supports (tongue depressors/popsicle sticks)
- 5) hot glue



DATA TABLE:

- t Time of Flight (seconds)
- X Distance flown (meters)

Conclusion:

 $Y = -.5(-9.8)t^2$

Solve for y

x = v(t)

Solve for v