**Weather Vocabulary #3**

**sea level where the ocean meets the land; zero elevation**

**water cycle the continuous process by which water moves from Earth's surface to the atmosphere and back; also called the hydrologic cycle**

**evaporation changing from liquid to water vapor**

**condensation changing from water vapor becomes liquid process**

**precipitation form of water that falls from a cloud to the Earth**

**collection when precipitation accumulates in a body of water, in the ground, or as runoff to a body of water**

**ground water water stored in soil and rock beneath Earth's surface**

**runoff excess water that the ground cannot absorb**

**water vapor water in a gas state**

**transpiration plants give off water through stomata in leaves; water evaporating from plant leaves**

**elevation the height of a place above sea level (Mount Everest has an elevation of 29,029 feet)**