01-09 Projectile Motion Lab

Name: _

Adapted from "Shoot for Your Grade" by Jim Keefer

Objectives

• Predict the landing spot of a projectile launched horizontally from a desk.

Materials

- Grooved ruler
- Marble
- Stopwatch
- Meter stick
- Target

Procedure

IMPORTANT! The marble must never leave the desk when taking data.

- 1. Make a gentle ramp using your ruler and a book.
- 2. Roll the marble down the ramp several times to determine the average speed it will have when it rolls off the desk. (We did this in a previous lab.)
- 3. Take measurements to **calculate** the time until the marble hits the floor. *t* = _____
- 4. Using the average speed and time of free fall, **calculate** the landing spot for your marble from directly below the edge of your desk. *x* = _____
- 5. Place the target at the calculated location.
- 6. Call over the teacher.
- 7. When the teacher is watching, roll the marble down the ramp and see where it lands. The target gives your grade. Grade = _____



