**Water Cycle Vocabulary**

**Evaporation:** the change of water from a liquid state to a gas state due to an increase in temperature

**Transpiration:** the release of water vapor into the atmosphere by plant leaves

**Runoff:** excess water, not absorbed by the soil, that flows downhill

**Storage:** water that is stored in a location for a long period of time and is not actively moving through the water cycle (ex: snowpack)

**Precipitation:** water that falls from clouds in the form of rain, snow, sleet, or hail

**Infiltration:** the flow of surface water into the subsurface (ground)

**Condensation:** the process by which water changes from a gas to a liquid state