### Gummi Bear Lab

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**Purpose:** To see how gummy bear density changes after soaking in water overnight

**<u>Hypothesis:</u>** (Educated Guess) What do you think will happen to gummy bear density after soaking in water over night. Do you think it will increase, decrease, or stay the same?

#### Materials:

-Ruler -Triple Beam balance scale -Water -Gummy bear

#### Procedure:

#### <u>Day I:</u>

I. First we will mass (weigh) the gummy bear in grams using the triple beam balance. Record your mass in grams in the results box.

2. Next, we need to find the volume. This can be done by measuring the length x width x height (L x W x H) of the gummy bear with a ruler in centimeters. *Not inches!* 



3. Pour the water and our gummy bear into a Dixie cup to sit overnight. Wait for instructions!

4. Now that we have mass and volume, we need to calculate density Remember: Density equals D = mass(g) / volume(mL). Record density in the data box below.

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<u>Day 2:</u>

I. Pour the excess water out and dry off the gummy bear

2. Repeat steps from Day I. Record you data in the box above. *Be very careful with your Gummi Bear, as it is very fragile!* 

3. Compare your density with day 1.

<u>Results</u>

Day	<b>Bear</b> color	Mass (gm)	Volume=LxWxH (cm cubed)	Density (g/cm3)
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#### Conclusion:

Please answer the following questions:

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