Role Card 2: Tropical Depression

Your group will act out the warm, moist air that helps a tropical disturbance become a tropical depression.

**Step 1:** Sit in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Africa. You should be about four steps west of the thunderstorms (another group of students).

**Step 2:** When the thunderstorms reach you, watch for hot air to be released (the students lift their arms to the ceiling). When they do, rush toward them, staying close to the floor.

**Step 3:** Stand up and form a circle with the thunderstorms. Begin moving the circle slowly counterclockwise. Just as the thunderstorms did earlier, slowly raise your arms by reaching behind you and bringing them up over your head. Make sounds to show that you are releasing hot air that is rising. You are now a tropical depression.

**Step 4:** You will now be joined by other students. They will help make you (a tropical depression) into a tropical storm. Pay attention to their actions, and let them guide you.