Marble roll quadratic graphing leading to a Qalculate! computer graphing exercise

Use your marble roll data from yesterday.

k = _____ r = ____

The equation of the marble roll curve is:

$$y = \frac{-k x^2}{r^2} + k$$

In the following example r was 7.5 cm and k was 18 cm. Your numbers will **differ**, as will your specific equation. Use your own k and r values!

Terminology:

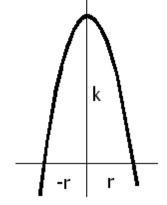
Parabola:	The curve made by a second degree equation, by an
	quadratic function.

- **y-intercept**: Where the graph crosses the y-axis. Often a starting value (accelerated ball roll, ball drop data).
- **x-intercepts**: Where the graph crosses the x-axis. Also called roots, solutions, zeros of the function.

Vertex: The topmost (or bottommost) point in the parabola.

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Equation format in Qalculate!: -(____ (___^2))*x^2+ ____ k



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	the measurements made for your marble? Does the curve look like your marble roll curve?			