Paddle to the Sea

Indoor/Outdoor Activity

Curriculum: science, literacy, art

Watch the National Film Board’s classic film Paddle to the Sea. After watching the film consider following up with the suggested learning extension.

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Learning Extension – Build a Boat

Materials: Dead twigs, jute (natural twine), scissors

Instructions:

- Go outside and look for small dead twigs or branches on the ground. Explore your backyard or nearby natural space. Collect a variety sticks and bring them back home.

- Using jute or another natural fiber (one that will naturally decompose) lash the sticks together to build your own boat. Does your boat have a name?

- On your next walk about in the neighbourhood, look for a snow patch or small creek to launch your boat. Do you know what sea your boat will travel to?

- In your writing journal, describe the adventures and journey your boat will have as it makes its way to the sea.