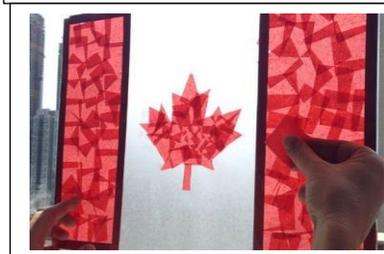


Ted Harrison was an English artist known for his work based on the Yukon Territories in Canada. He moved to the Yukon with his family and loved the landscape so much that many of his works are of the Yukon. **Create your own Torn Paper Landscape** – *You will need: A variety of construction paper and glue stick.* Start with a base piece of paper, then start tearing other strips of paper. Leaving some paper at the top for the sky, glue down your first piece. Work your way down the page, overlapping and gluing each piece. Encourage the children to make big mountains, rolling hills, straight plains, or wavy fields. Continue adding torn layers until you reach the bottom of your paper. Other details like trees, clouds, sun, or flowers can always be added as well. Try these variations: - Use various shades of blue paper for an ocean scene -Use magazines or the children’s finger paintings instead of construction paper. For younger children encourage them to join in by taping a piece of clear contact paper sticky-side-up on the table, the children can tear paper and stick it to the contact paper. Tearing paper is not only fun, it strengthens little fingers and hands too.



Stained Glass Canadian Flag – *You will need: two pieces of clear contact paper (sometimes called Drawer Liners – available at the Dollar Store), red ribbon, scissors, red tissue paper, tape.* To start cut the red tissue paper into roughly 1-inch squares then, unpeel the backing from one piece of contact paper. Next, make borders for the red strips on your flag using the ribbon. Outline your maple leaf by putting a Maple leaf template (Google a picture) underneath the contact paper. Have the kids fill in the outlined areas by filling them with tissue paper squares. When the flag is filled in, add your second piece of contact paper on top to seal it all up and display it in a window.



Beachball Volleyball – *You will need: 2 large towels, a beachball or large water-filled sponges, a badminton style net or something else to separate the two sides.* You will need at least 4 people to play as one towel is held by 2 people. One team will try to toss the ball or sponge over the net to the other side and the other team will try to catch it with their towel and sent it back. If one team lets the ball/sponge fall to the ground then the other team is awarded a point.

Build a Suspension Bridge – Canada is home to many beautiful suspension bridges (Kananaskis, Capilano), these bridges can be thrilling to walk across and are intriguing in their design. Challenge the children to create their own bridge. For younger children in care this is a simple and fun version to create using: 8 toilet paper rolls, 2 paper towel rolls, 4-5 CDs (that you don't mind getting scratched), string or yarn and scissors. Help the children get started by cutting horizontal slits about an inch from the top of the 8 toilet paper rolls, only cut halfway around. Next, cut similar slits into the two paper towel rolls toward the bottom of the paper towel rolls. The cuts will need to be at the same height on the rolls. Next, have the children insert the CDs into the slits, for extra strength have the CDs overlap a little. Lastly, cut a vertical line 1/4-inch long — into the top of each paper towel roll on the side facing the ends of the bridge. In addition, make tiny vertical slices on the tops of the toilet paper rolls at either end of the bridge, on the part of the circle where the bridge begins. This is where the yarn will connect to give it that suspension bridge look! Older children could come up with their own design and test the strength by placing heavy objects on top.

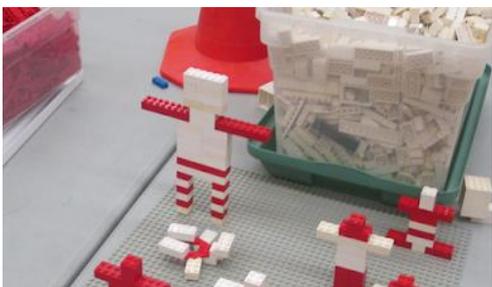


Visit <https://www.epl.ca/summer-starts/> to find out how you can participate in the free reading challenge and win prizes!

July 2020 – Happy Canada Day! Canada Day is celebrated on July 1st every year, this year our country turns 153 years old! Enjoy the warm days with children outside strengthening their minds and bodies with these Canadian themed activities listed below. Please share with your consultants pictures of any fun activities that were a hit with the children in care. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Wash those hands! ❤️



Stick Raft Building – This is a great STEAM project that older children in care can create and test. Each child could make their own raft, or they could work on teams to create one raft (working in a team is a great way to build problem solving skills and vocabulary). Ask the children how they want their raft to work? Should it just float or do they want it to be strong enough to carry objects (toy cars, toy animals, Lego people, rocks). *You will need: sticks, string or elastic bands, hot glue gun, a piece of fabric or paper, a large shallow container filled with water and blue food coloring or create a tinfoil river (long sheets of tinfoil molded into a river shape with a garden hose attached).* A good way to break down this activity is in 3 parts 1. Brainstorming 2. Designing 3. Building/Testing/Evaluating. Try not to automatically step in to fix the children’s design questions but, allow them time to come up with an answer to their problem. To begin the children can gather sticks and start to attach them together by wrapping each stick with string (another option could be to use egg cartons or empty water bottles for the base). Use the hot glue gun to help them attach the mast and the sail to the base of the raft, then let the children explore the abilities of their new raft.



An **Inukshuk** (pronounced ih-nook-suuk) is a manmade stone landmark built for use by the Inuit and other peoples of the Arctic region of North America. These stone sculptures were important for navigation, as a point of reference, and as a marker for good hunting and fishing grounds. These structures are found in northern Canada, Greenland, and Alaska. For more info about Inukshuk visit this website - <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/do-you-know-what-an-inukshuk-is>. Have the children collect stones big and small to create their own Inukshuk or they could also create a version using, wooden blocks, Duplo or Lego.



Create a Water wall – This is a great summer project for you and the children to make together. Gather old recyclables like milk jugs, large juice containers, yogurt containers, plastic fruit clamshells, old hose pieces, pool noodles or other types of tubing. Attach the recyclables to a large piece of plywood, pallet, lattice or even chain link fence using zip-ties, heavy duty twist ties or florists wire (make sure that the placement is right and that the water will flow properly before attaching the materials). Place buckets and bins at the bottom to collect the water and provide the children with containers to pour the water in at the top. This could also be used as a sand wall or with water beads.