

Smart! (Snow Art)

Students will use natural materials to make unique tracks and create a piece of 'smart' (snow art).



Materials:

- Materials from nature
- Optional: paper, things to color or write with

Instructions:

1. Go outside with your class to a safe outdoor space and have students collect natural materials like sticks, rocks, pine cones, and whatever else they can find. Remind them not to pick living things!
2. Have your students bring their nature materials to an area that is covered with snow.
3. Encourage students first to explore using different parts of their bodies to make tracks in the snow. Prompt students to try using their boots, mittens, elbows, or whatever else they can think of.
4. Demonstrate how to use the nature materials they collected to make different types of tracks in the snow. Encourage students to experiment with moving the materials in different ways, such as rolling or dragging them in the snow.
5. After your students experiment making tracks with their bodies and nature materials, encourage them to make a work of "smart" using some of the marks they discovered. They can even create a story to go with their work of art!
6. Allow students to share with others the smart they created by bringing the class on an 'art crawl,' visiting each students' work and letting them explain how they made it.
7. Bonus: Once indoors, have students draw or write about some of the marks they created or the art they made.