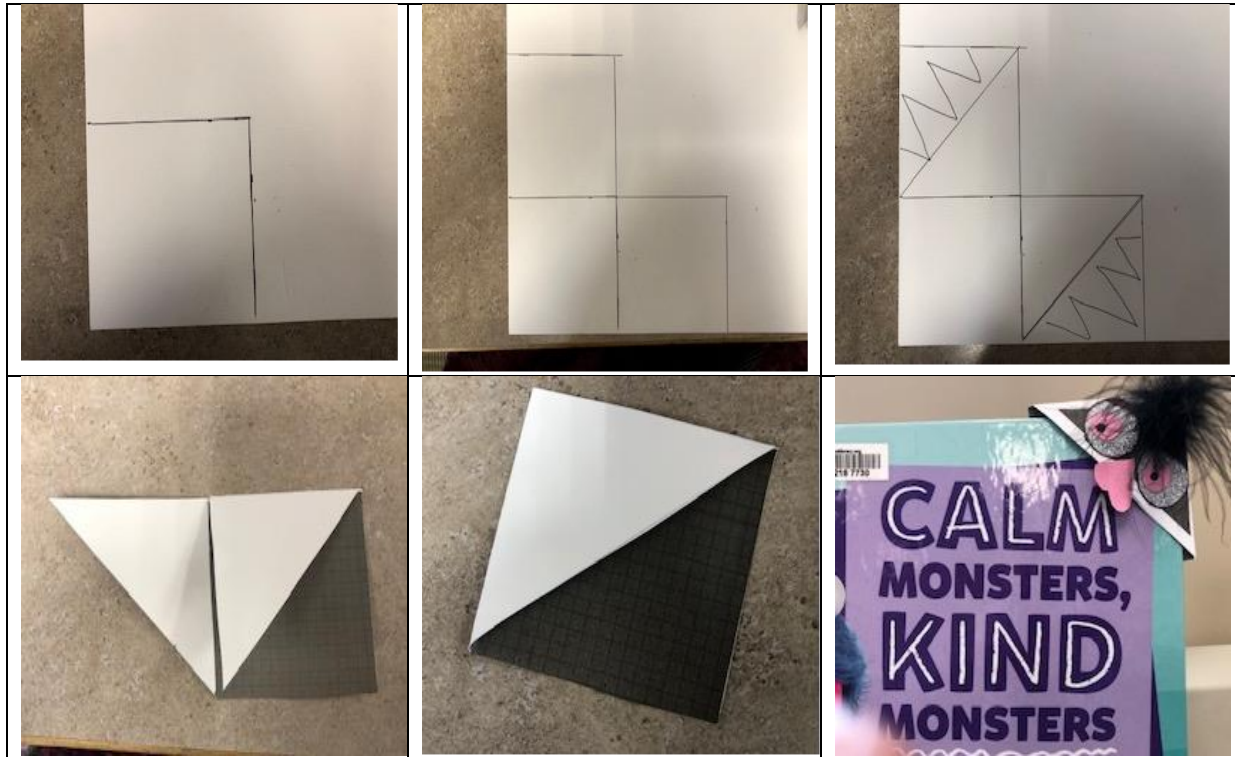


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. When the weather takes a turn or it seems like spring is still a long way off, people can be frustrated. People may feel a little crabby and a bit like a monster inside. This week we will take some time to calm ourselves with some silly monster art. You can be a calm and kind monster and have some fun making a monster bookmark. Working with our hands and being creative gives us a few minutes to take our mind off of things that are making us feel sad, mad, or cranky. Making a bookmark holds our favorite page of our precious books.



1-On a piece of paper, draw a square. Use your ruler to make the sides straight. Don't make it too big – 2.5 inches x 2.5 inches. For the young artist, you can make it larger and use it as a finger puppet. Draw a second square exactly the same size on the right side of the first square (so they share a side) and a third square exactly the same size on the top of the first square. You should end up with 3 squares that compose an L shape. Draw a line from the left corner to the top right corner on the upper square. Cross out the triangle closest to the edge of the paper. Do the same on the bottom inside square. Draw a line from the left corner to the top right corner. Cross out the outside triangle on the bottom edge of the paper. Cut out the shape. Cut off the crossed-out triangles on either side. Color the square or add another color paper over the top. Fold one triangle inwards, so it covers the upper half of the square. Do not glue it down. **Apply glue to the underside (the side still facing up) of the second triangle, and fold it over onto the first triangle.**

2-If you used plain paper or cardstock and want to glue fancy paper on top of it, cut out a triangle of the fancy paper that's slightly smaller than the folded-over triangles of the bookmark. Decorate the top triangle with a silly monster face. Add big eyes, mouth, or ears and hair. Use your bookmark to save a page you are reading in your favorite book, use it as a finger puppet to make a silly story, or be kind a share a monster bookmark with someone special.

Art and reading, life is good!

Ms. Susan