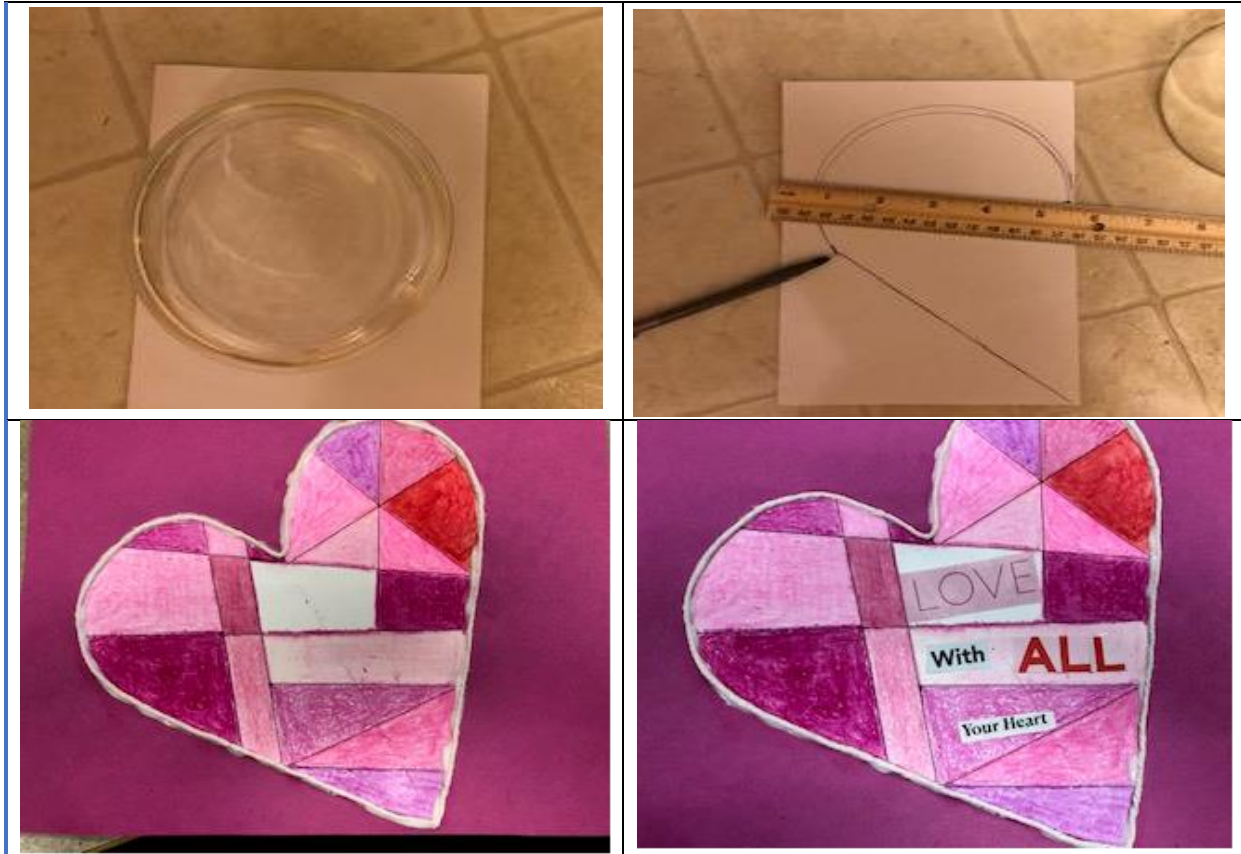


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. There is an organization called, Happy Hearts, that helps children in Somalia, Africa. These children are affected by unbelievable conflict and tragedy, but there are people who are reaching out to help these children survive and even, thrive. It is often the smallest gesture that can give someone a smile. So, let's all think of giving love and smiles as we make Valentine hearts for our project this week. Create a special message with lines, colors, letters, and words from your heart to give someone special a warm, fuzzy feeling!



1-Fold a piece of paper in half. (Something thicker will work great). Look around the room and find something round that you can trace. **Place it on the fold** and about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the top of the page. Draw around a bit more than half. Now draw a straight line, on an angle from the bottom right corner to meet the circle on the left side of the paper. Open up the paper and draw lines on the heart to create different geometric shapes. Color these shapes with colors for Valentines. Use different shades of reds and pink, or just leave some areas blank to write a message. . as the artist- **Mondrian** did

2-Cut out the heart and highlight the lines with strips of black paper or black marker. You can also use string or yarn to trace the heart. You can put the whole thing on another colored paper or color the background. Find an old magnet and glue it to the back to hang on the refrigerator, hang the heart in a window, or share with someone to show them some extra love and kindness. Don't forget to sign your name, as the Heart artist. You could even write a special message of warm and fun words. Love-hugs-you are amazing-good work or Thanks are just a few ideas! You can make a smaller heart and glue it to a paper folded in half for an amazing Valentine card. Cut up the pieces of the heart to make a Valentine puzzle. So many possibilities!



Spread love and smiles!

Ms. Susan