This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This week will be full of ups and downs, and crazy turn-arounds with some of you going back to school or trying to navigate learning from home. Take a few minutes each day to share some kind words with family, friends, and teachers who may also be having some ups and downs. Create this week's special heart project inspired by a Dutch artist named, Piet Mondrian, who took art from a realistic form to something more simplistic with geometric patterns. That is how we can share our heart with simple shapes, patterns, happy colors, and kind words.

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 ½ 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.

2- Open up the paper and draw lines on the heart to create different geometric shapes. Color these shapes with primary colors, as the artist- Mondrian did. Use blues, reds, yellows, and even leave some blank- white shapes.

3- Cut out the heart and highlight the lines with strips of black paper or black marker. Glue, staple, or tape it to another paper and color black to make a border. This will really highlight the shapes. 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!

Be well - happy sharing, caring and creating!

Ms. Susan