This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. I hope that you have enjoyed the activities that we have been sharing. This week we have a little game that will be fun to make and even more fun to play. You can make it any size, big or small, it will encourage taking turns and thinking through possibility. It can be played indoors or outdoors, on the table or on the floors. The name of the game is Pong Hau K'i, a traditional Chinese board game for two players. Sometimes you will win and sometimes you will not. Remember, it is always fun to play the game and share time with others. You can even use your artistic talents decorating the game board and making all different styles of games pieces.

1-The first step is to make the game board. It can be made from paper or cardboard. Maybe you could use a cereal box or a pizza box. Draw a square or rectangle. Then draw a line from one top corner to the opposite corner. Draw another line from the bottom corner to its opposite corner. The top line is not used and play will not move on this line. Decorate your game board with any design you choose.

2- Each player has two game pieces. Cut out the game pieces from cardboard or paper. Trace a quarter for a perfect circle. You could even use two different color M&Ms or any other objects you may have around the house.

3- Set up the game with the two pieces of one player in the top corners. The two other pieces go on the bottom of the board. Players take turns to move with the top player moving first to the open spot. At each turn, the player moves one of their two pieces into the open spot. Remember, you may be able to move either piece on your turn. If a player can’t move, the game is over. The winner gets to eat the M&Ms!

Have fun, be well! Ms. Susan