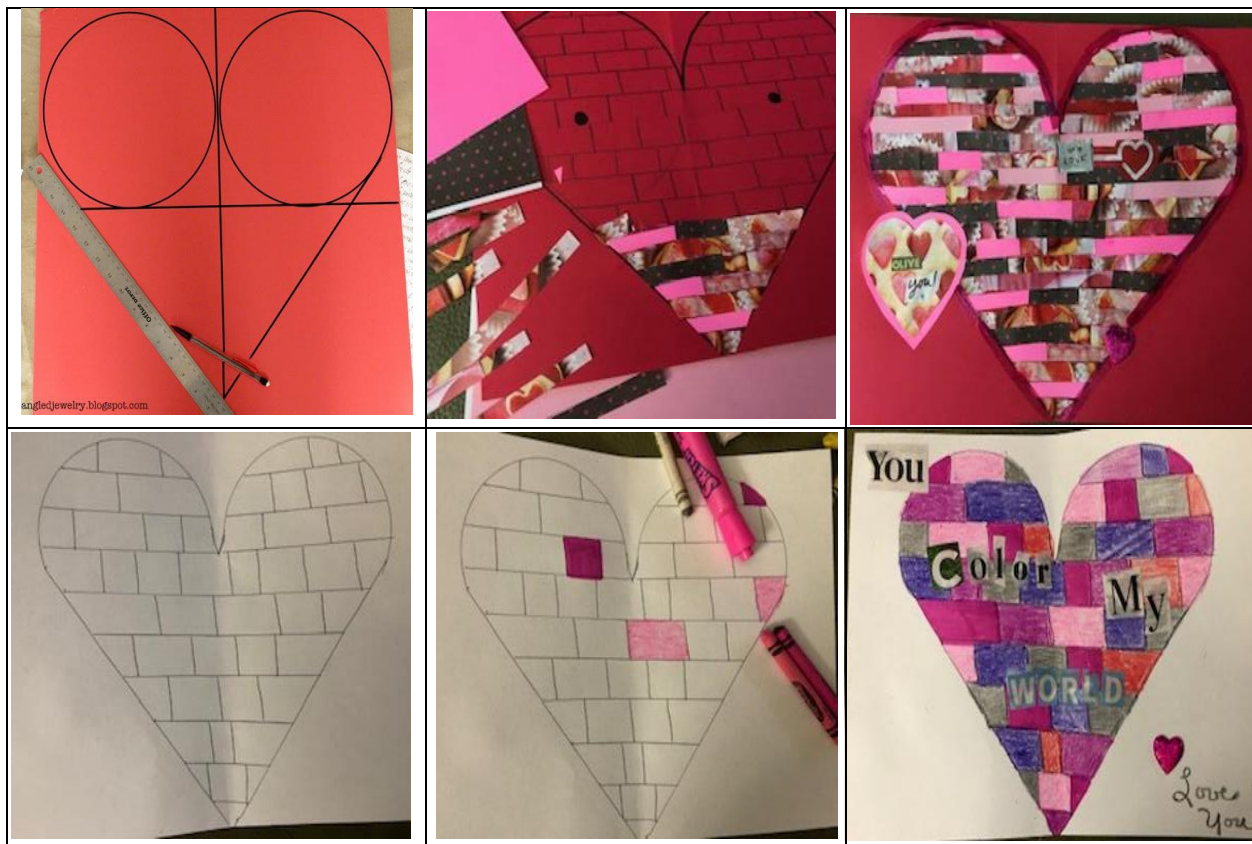


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. I want to tell you about an organization called, Happy ♥Hearts, that helps children in Africa. These children are affected by unbelievable conflict and sad tragedy, but there are people who are reaching out to help these children survive, thrive and smile again. 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.



1-On a thick piece of paper or cardboard, draw a large heart. You could even create your art on a piece of cardstock, folded in half to create a Valentine's card. To make your heart a very even shape, start with two circles at the top of the page. Add a triangle where the base meets both circles. The outline of these shapes will form the heart pattern. Cut out strips of colored paper from magazines, cards, wrapping paper or fabric. Cut the strips into different sizes and glue them down inside the heart shape like a puzzle. Add a favorite, fun holiday quote or words that can bring a smile to a "special someone".

2-You can also make a Valentine game with the same heart shape! Make the heart shape and draw lines across the width of the paper. Now draw lines down the length of each strip, placing them anywhere you like and adding as many as you want. You can have just a few boxes for the younger artist. Each person will get a different color crayon or marker. Take turns coloring in the boxes, but try not to have two of the same colors touching (for a more difficult game). Or you can roll a die to see how many boxes to color on your turn. The person who colors in the last box is the Very Valiant Valentine! You can decorate this heart also, when the game is over.

♥ *Spread love and smiles!*

Ms. Susan

Valentine Messages

You're extra awesome, Valentine!

Be mine !

You make my heart sing!

Smile

Hugs and Kisses

I love you to the Moon

You make my world go 'round! You melt my heart

You are O-so special !

I love you a whole lot

You Rock

You're DOGGONE cute !

You're my hero, Valentine.

Nothing could be sweeter than being your Valentine.

I just want to tell you how much I love you

I am wild about you !

You are loved

You make my heart flutter !

BFF 4 ever

XOXOXOXOXOXO...

You are beyond special