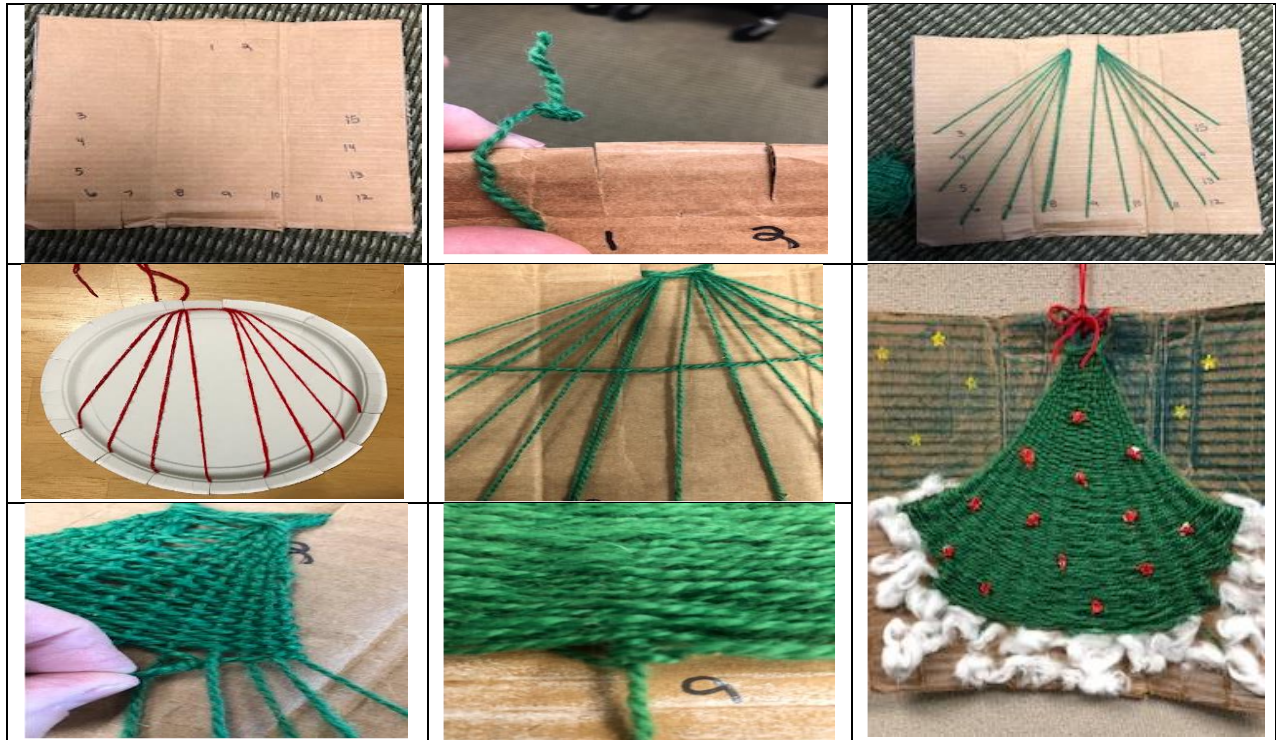


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. It seems that in the winter sky, all the stars shine and sparkle much brighter. The trees will soon have snow and the air will be cold, but we can snuggle inside and be grateful for the warmth of the season. Let's take some time to weave a memory with this evergreen tree. It will take a bit of time, but you can sit a do a few rows and share some stories with family and friends during the holiday break. Wishing you all wonder, joy, and peace during this time!



1-Take a piece of cardboard or even a paper plate. Color the top half the blue color of sky. If you do not have a white paper plate, color the bottom half white to look like snow. Make two slits (cuts) at the top and then add two directly below. Add more slits on either side of the bottom slits. The more slits you have on the bottom, the wider your evergreen tree and the more weaving you will have to do. Take a long length of green yarn or string, tie a knot at the end and slip it through one of the top slits. Take the yarn down to one of the bottom slits, so you almost have a straight line. Wrap the yarn around the back and over the top, in the second slit. Again, go around to the back of the cardboard and come over the first, top slit. Bring it down to another empty slit and keeping wrapping the yarn until all the bottom slits have been used.

2-Take another long piece of yarn and tie a knot. Place the knot in the second slit at the top. Bring the yarn to the front and put the end of the yarn **under** the first, long length of yarn. Then take the end **over** the next long yarn. Lightly, pull the yarn taut. When you get to the end, go back the opposite way, going **under** and **over** on the opposite strings. It may be easier for younger artists to have fewer long base strings and also, a shorter weaving string. You can always add on more string, by adding on with a knot when the first string becomes too short. When you get to the end, just tie a knot and stick the end under the tree. Add some snow and some stars in the sky. Tie on a string and hang in your window or add a message and give to a someone to let them know how special they are.

**Enjoy this season of wonder!**

Ms. Susan