This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Now that the days are a bit warmer, it looks like everything is coming up flowers. This week we will be taking some simple shapes and turning them into beautiful flower power art. The power comes from all the colors and time that you spend creating something of your own. Look for inspiration from our flower books at the library, or flowers that you see growing around your neighborhood.

1-Begin by drawing simple circles, one in the middle of the paper and then more circles all around. You can trace a bottle or a bowl you have around the house. You can make one large flower or many smaller ones.

2- Next, you will draw straight lines evenly across the page. Use a ruler or the edge of a piece of cardboard. I used the edge of a magazine. You can draw one, two or many lines.

3- This next part can be difficult, depending on how many circles and lines you have. Color each area between the lines a different color. You can make this a color-by-number or letter for younger children. Label each circle with a number or letter and assign a color to the numbers/letters. Remember to take your time, maybe spend 15 minutes each day and see your creation come alive over a whole week. You can try to stay within the same color family for each flower and then another color combination for the background. Just like flowers, your picture will grow with the care that you give it. You are the artist, so do not forget to sign your name.

Be kind! Ms. Susan