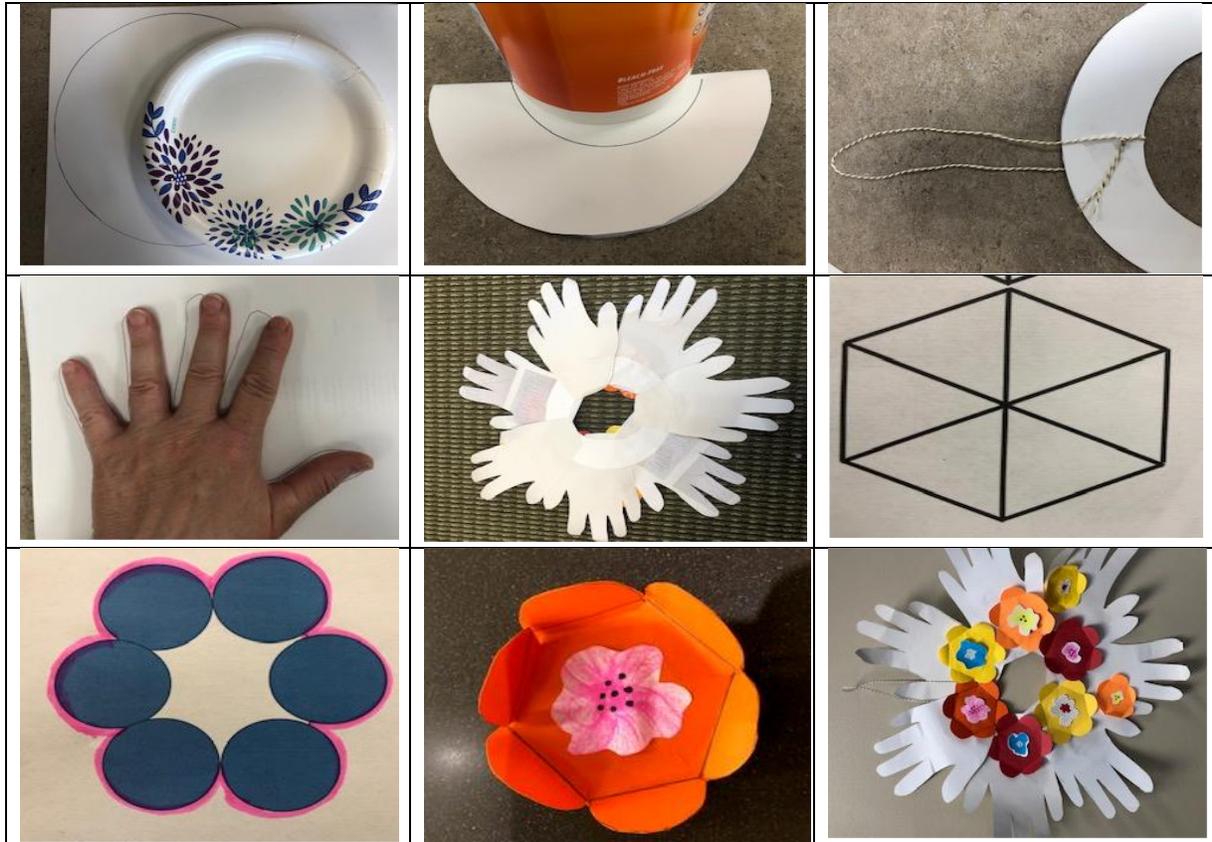


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. We are finally starting to see warmer weather, green grass, and colorful flowers all around. This week, we are going to take some time to take a closer look at those flowers we see in our yards, at a park or even in a book. Our art project will bring some of the colors we see and the different shapes to life that will last longer than one season. It will be a fun activity to share with a friend or family member, and talk about what you see and duplicate it with paper and colors.



1- Make a circle on heavy paper or cardboard by tracing a bowl or paper plate. Cut the circle out. If you can, fold the circle in half and make a half of a circle on the straight edge of the big half circle. Cut this small circle out, to make a ring. This will be the start of a floral wreath. Tie a string or ribbon on the ring, so you will be able to hang it up. On another piece of paper, trace one or both of your hands. Cut them out. Then make more handprints to fill around the outside of the ring. You can color the handprints or leave them white for contrast. Attach the hands to the outside edge of the ring with glue, tape or a stapler. You can attach them on either side of the ring or some in front and some in back.

2- Make small hexagon flowers. You can do this by using six triangles, points facing in to the center. Trace circles over each outside edge of the hexagon. Maybe you could use a quarter to trace. Cut out around the outside edge of the circles. If you do not have colored paper, you can roll crayons across the surface to color these. Fold each edge in towards the center of the hexagon. Attach around the circle. Now add small seed centers to each of the flowers with colors and dots. Attach one to each flower. Hang in the window or door and celebrate all the colors that we see.

*Look for beauty all around you!*

Ms. Susan