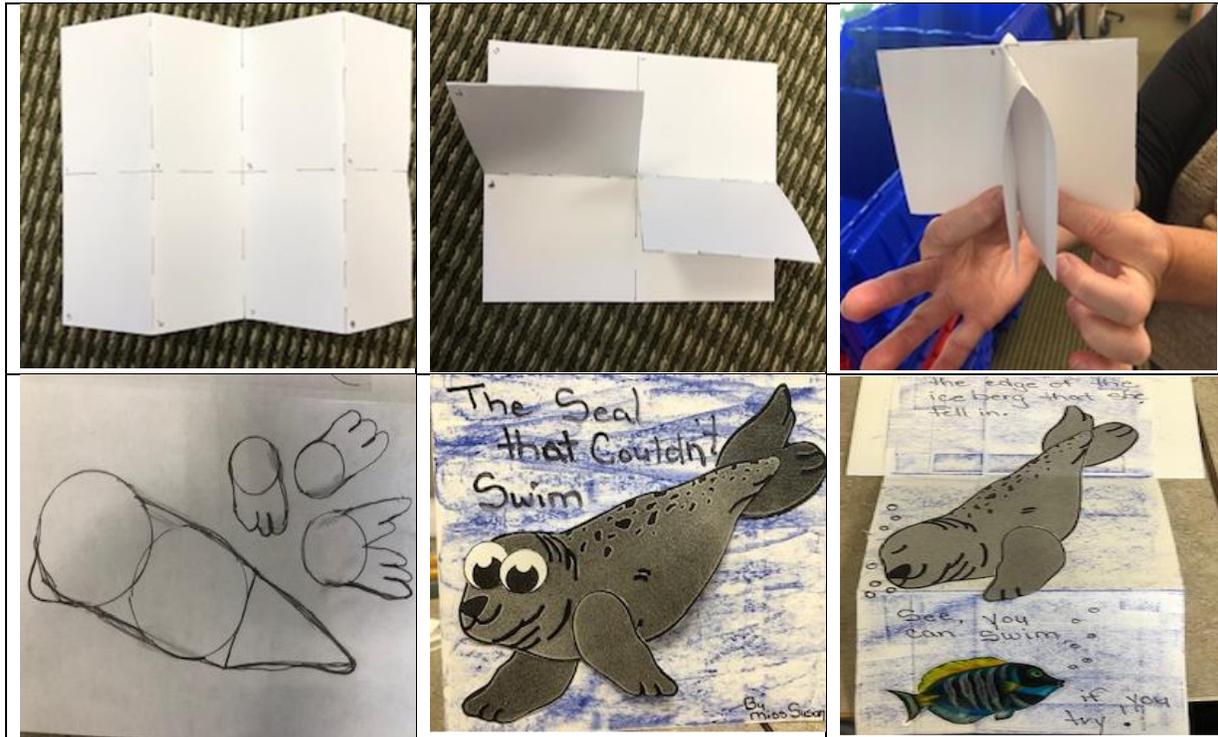


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Do you know what a pinniped is? Pinniped is Latin for "fin-footed" or the seal family. We often think of deep-sea creatures when we are talking about oceans inhabitants, but true seals live in the Arctic and Antarctica ocean waters. This week we are going to design and write our own seal book. Some seals can swim in the ocean waters for up to two years before returning to their "home". They eat fish, and sometimes, eel, squid, octopus, and lobster. Baby seals are called "pups", just like the dog puppy. There are some seals that can stay underwater for up to 80 minutes. That is a long time! See how long you can hold your breath while you come up with your seal book title.



1-Fold a piece of paper in half and then in half the opposite way to form a booklet. Or start with a piece of paper folded in half the long way. Then fold the paper in half the short way. Open it up and fold each side into the middle of the paper, to create eight even parts. With the paper folded in half cut in towards the center, on the middle fold line **only** to the length-wise fold. Grabbing one flap in each hand, fold the paper in half again bringing both sides together to make four equal flaps. Fold and crease each flap at the center line to make a booklet. Write the title of your book on the front cover, or add your first seal and the title. Remember to add your name as the author of your original and significant seal book.

2-To make the seal easily, start with two circles touching and add a triangle to the base touching the bottom of the circle. Use a dime to draw two more circles for the front fins, and one more for the tail fins. You can use two small circles for the eyes and one for the nose. Now what could you use for the whiskers? Now you are ready to use the pages of your book to tell a story. You could be the seal and give yourself a funny name. Or you could write a poem. Which words rhyme with seal? Use meal, feel, deal, real, unreal, peel, or even kneel. Have fun with your silly seal story. So many possibilities!

Smile for "oceans of possibilities"!

Ms. Susan

