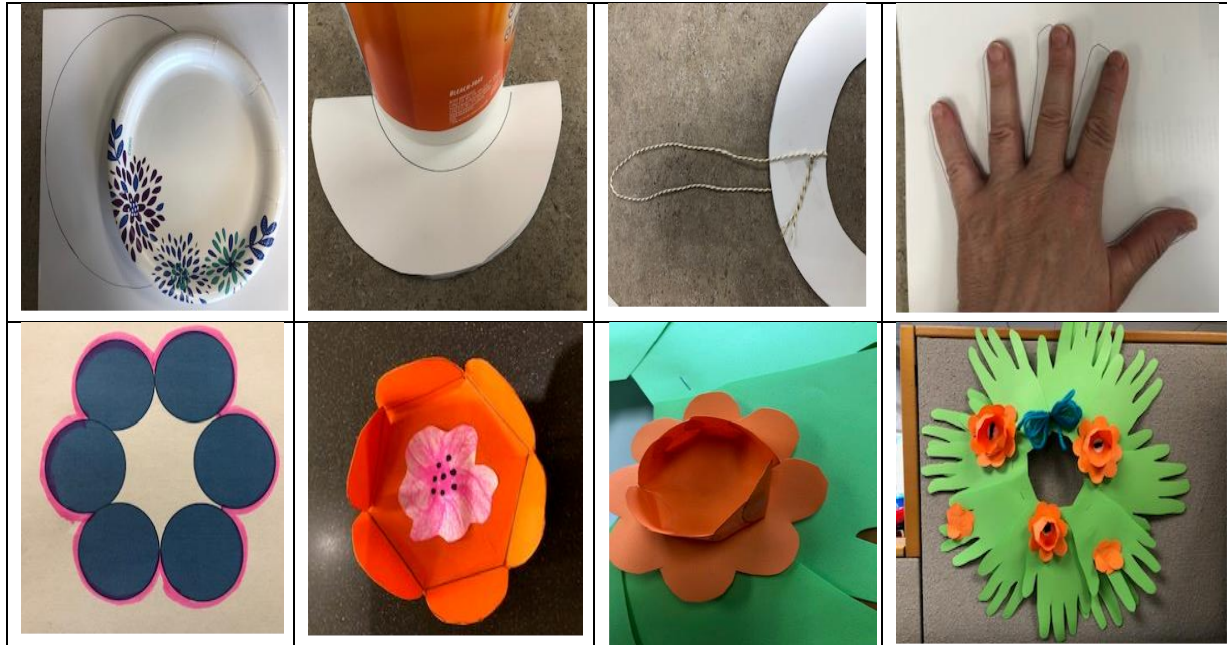


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. We are finally starting to see warmer weather, green grass, and colorful flowers all around. This week, we are going to take a closer look at those flowers we see in our yards, at a park or even in a book. Our art activity will bring some of the colors we see and the different shapes to life that will last longer than one week. It will be a fun time to share with a friend or family member and talk about what you see and then duplicate it with paper and colors. You might see yellow daffodils, pink primrose, purple crocus, or even orange tulips. Let's bring Spring indoors to enjoy even on cool days.



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 put a half of the circle on the straight edge of the half circle. Cut this small circle out, to make a ring. If using a paper plate, make a smaller circle inside the plate and cut out. 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. Ask someone in your family or a friend to add their hand print and work together on the wreath. Cut them out. Then make more handprints to fill in 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 stapler. You can attach them on either side of the ring or some in front and some in back.

2- Make small flowers or buds to add to the wreath. You can do this by tracing circles together to make a circle. Maybe you could use a quarter to trace. Cut out around the outside edge of the circles. Fold each edge in towards the center of the circle. Cut in a tiny bit further and tape each circle to the next one until it forms a cup shape. Add another cut out to the bottom and glue on to the wreath. Add some seeds inside. Make different sizes or colors. What other shapes can you make that look like a flower you see outside? Add a bow if you like and hang it up to bring Spring inside!

*Look for beauty all around you!*

-Ms. Susan