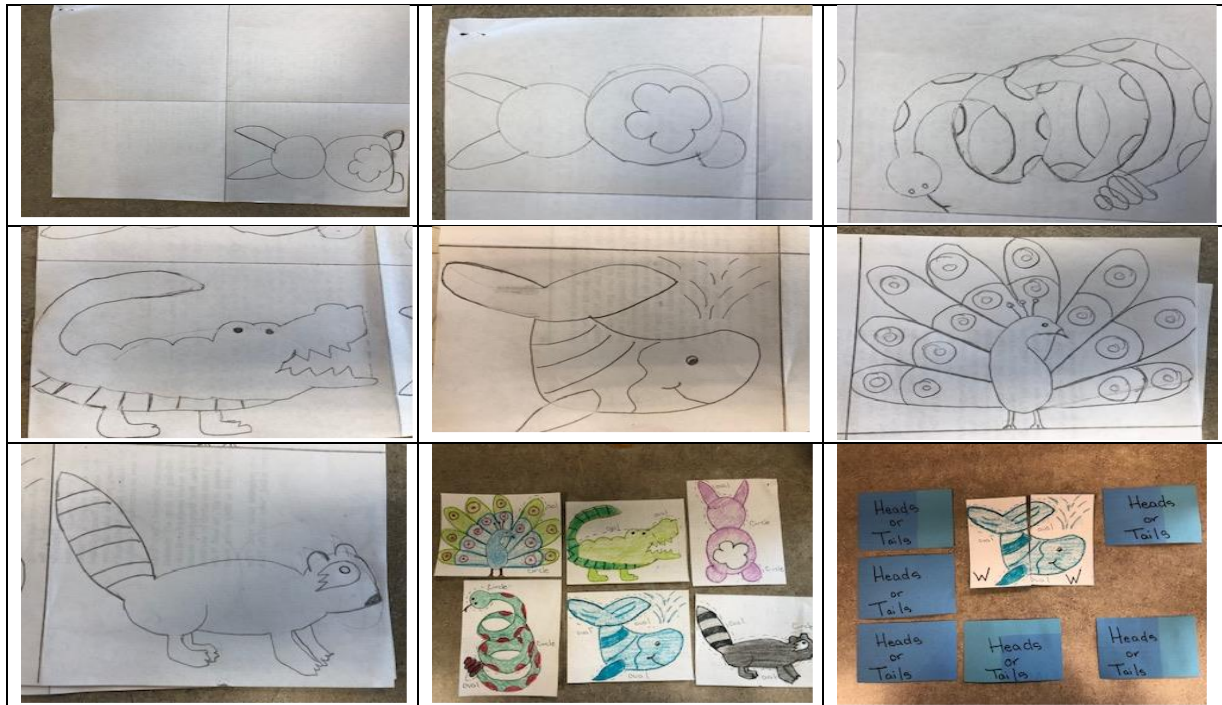


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Time for a game of "Heads or Tails". It is fun to see how many animals have tails that are specifically able to provide protection for them, like a rattlesnake. We will start by drawing and coloring a few animal pictures. See how many animals you can draw using circles, ovals, and adding lines. Then use these pictures to play a fun game of memory and matching. The more cards that you make, the harder it will be to remember where the matches are and easier to stump other players. Let's get started drawing our animal bodies, heads, and tails.



1-Take a piece of paper and fold it in half on the long side. Now, fold it in half on the short side, to make four rectangles. Draw as many animal pictures as you want in these boxes. Some animals have body parts that can be drawn from circles, ovals, or straight lines. The rabbit, with a big fluffy tail, can be drawn from two circles for the body and two circles for the feet. Add two ovals for ears and you will have the back of the rabbit. Try to make the tail larger than expected. Color the pictures with crayons or markers. You can make as many animals as you want, the more cards, the more difficult to remember where the matching half will be. You can also make copies of just a few animals and color them different colors. For example, a pink rabbit and a brown rabbit. When you play the game, the colors have to match along with the body parts. For younger players, you could also add a letter or number to the top and bottom card of each set. This is another recognition tool.

2- Once you have the number of animal cards that you want, take each card and cut it in half. Turn the cards face down, and mix them all up. Lay them out in rows. Flip a coin, calling "heads or tails" to see who goes first. The first person turns over two cards to see if the head matches the tail. If it is a match, yell, "animal tails" and pull the cards from the pile. If you have enough cards, you can play- matches get another turn. Once all the cards have been pulled, count up your matches and the high number wins. Mix the cards up again and play as many times as you want.

*Heads or tails, everyone wins when we spend time together. Have fun,  
Ms. Susan*

