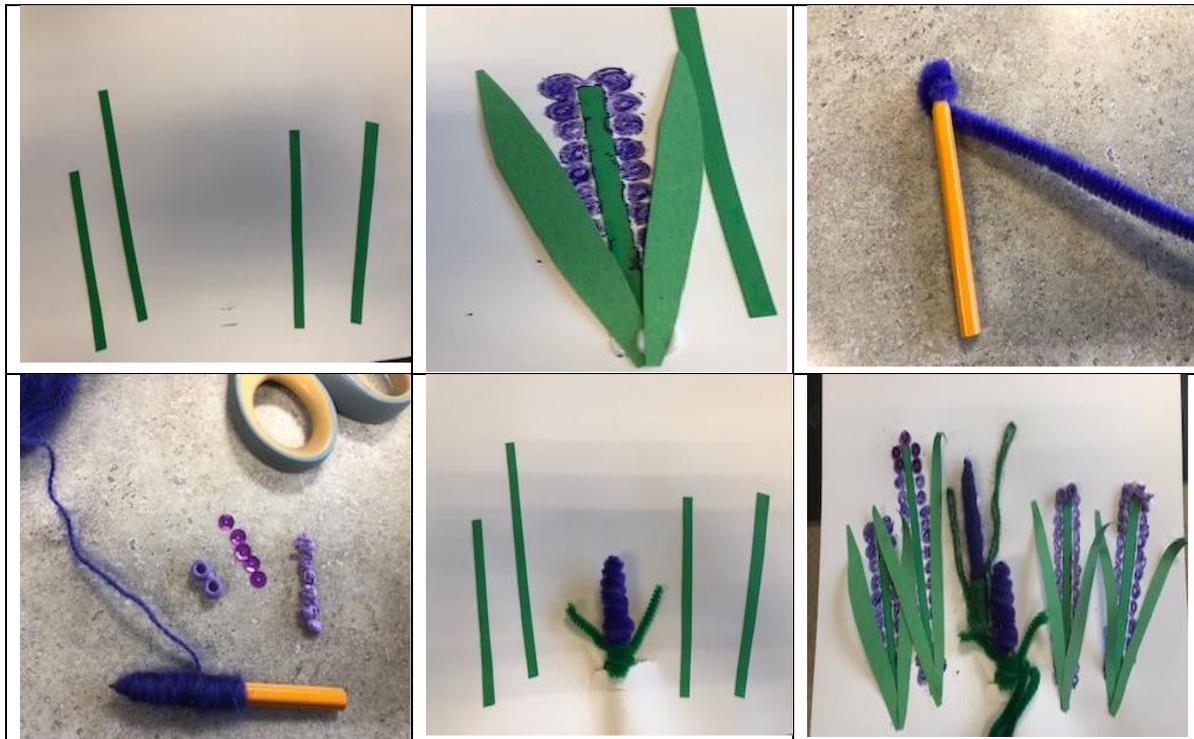


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Spring has sprung and you will begin to see early flowers popping out of gardens. This week we will try to recreate one of these early blooming flowers with different art supplies. Paper, yarn, crayon, beads, buttons, and any options you can come up with. This particular flower is called Muscari, or grape hyacinth, and originated from Eurasia. It has spikes of many bluish, purple, flowers that look a bit like small grapes. You may even see these plants growing up in the grass around the neighborhood.



1-Make stems on your paper with green paper, cardboard, or paint, crayon, or marker. Add the purple buds to each stem on the paper. Make circles on both sides of the stem with crayon or marker, cut-out circles, or use sticker dots. Then add green strips of paper for the outside leaves. You could use beads, buttons, sequins, rolled up pieces of paper, or painted stones.

2-You can make one flower that really stands out by wrapping a pencil with purple strips of paper, ribbon, string, yarn or pipe cleaners. Wrap the purple around the pencil and then add green leaves coming up from the bottom of the pencil. Make a small whole in the picture paper and slide the pencil in. Tape it down on the back side. Or you can glue it on the front of paper, but make sure it has dried well before you hang the picture up. You can write a poem or message on your picture and share with a friend wishing them a Happy Spring!



Wishing you a happy first week of spring!

Ms. Susan