This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This week is One fish, two fish, reading fish, library fish... Oh the fun we will make, with silly fish! You can have your very own aquarium without having to clean a tank or feed your fish. There can be red fish, blue fish, and even rainbow fish. No one will make waves when it is time to clean-up because you can wash it all away. It will be a spectacular view for neighbors and friends. It can also be a “think tank”, as you sit and ponder your fish, and what they would say, if they could talk. Or what they would choose, if they could read!

1-Start with an old CD or DVD disc. Draw on loops as scales, if you have a permanent marker. If not, you can draw it on paper and glue it to a disc or a circle of cardboard. This is a recycling project, so you can use an empty cereal box or other heavy cardboard for the circle. Draw on an eye and color in the scales. You can use any design on the fish that you like. Maybe, you have seen tropical fish in a library book. Color paper or cut tissue paper to use as fins. Make a fan, by folding a piece of paper back and forth, and glue to the inside of the circle. Make fish lips by drawing a heart shape. Leave a tab on the bottom to glue to the fish. Make a tail fin, top fin, and even, bottom fins. If you are hanging your fish, you may want it colored on both sides, so you will need two circles or discs. Glue the fins and lips to the inside of one circle or disc. The decorated side will be on the back.

2-If you want to hang your fish, tie on a string before assembly of the two discs or circles. Glue the two discs together with the fins and lips on the inside. When it dries, make a fish aquarium in the window. You can even use washable markers to make waves, seaweed, and other fish.

High fins for art with fish friends!

Ms. Susan