This is Ms. Susa from the Shorewood Public Library. I am so glad to see you’re back for another summer fun activity. Spread your paper on the floor or outside on the walk for a larger project. Lay down on the ground and roll over on your back. Take a moment to think about a big, roaring, courageous, lion. What does it mean to be courageous? What do you look like when you are brave and courageous? Courage is the ability to do something, even when it is really hard. Maybe, not do something that everyone else is doing. You might try to do something and it does not work. Courage is doing the same thing again and again until you can be successful. You can “encourage” others or give others courage to be successful by being positive and supporting their attempts. Or, maybe, trying it along with them. Go ahead and make your courageous lion roar!

1-Lay a large piece of brown paper or a paper bag down on the table, floor, or sidewalk. Make a large circle in the center of the paper. Now take a small square of cardboard or heavy paper and cut slits along the wide edge. Wrap a piece of yarn or string around the square, going through the slits until you have a few layers. Now mix up some paint to make the lion’s mane. Red, orange, and a bit of blue, make a nice reddish-brown color. Use the square with the yarn as a stamp and dip it in the paint. Stamp around and around the outer edge of the circle until you have a nice full mane surrounding the lion’s head. Use paper or crayons to add a nose and ears. Then use strips of black yarn or paper to give the lion some whiskers.

2- The lion now needs some big, brown or black eyes. Write some thoughts or a poem about what courage means to you. You can write your lion tale around the lion’s head. You can go in a circle or write at the top or bottom. Or you can write some words of “encouragement” to a friend.

Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes, courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day that says, “I will try again tomorrow”.

*Mary Ann Radmacher

I hope you have a “Roaring” good time with your lion tale,

Ms. Susan