This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. We are going to celebrate St. Patrick’s day on March 17, with a shamrock scavenger hunt. Hide the shamrocks all around the house and then have fun searching out the numbers, letters, or words. Maybe you will be lucky enough to find the special, four-leaf shamrock. Shapes, colors, letters, and words—creating fun memories to share with family, friends, or neighbors. How lucky are you?

1-Start by making your shamrocks. Cut out and color as many shamrocks as you would like to use for one or more players. If there is more than one person, each person should have a slightly different color green shamrock or another way to identify their own shamrocks. An easy way to make shamrocks, is to start with three heart shapes and lay them in a circle with the points touching in the center. Add a stem and you have a lucky shamrock, made with love. Make one very special shamrock with four “leaves” or hearts and color this one a special color like gold or bronze. You can add numbers or letters to each shamrock for age-appropriate practice time. You could even write the letters of your name on your shamrocks.

2- Make long strips of paper by cutting all the way around the top edge of a brown paper bag. Cut one strip for each player, if you are playing with friends or family. Place dots or circles at intervals along the strip. This is where you will put your shamrocks as you find them. You can write numbers or letters on the dots, if that is how you are playing the game. Now have one person hide all the shamrocks while you have your eyes closed. (NO PEEKING!) When they are done, you can go searching for your shamrocks. As you find them, run back and place them on the paper strip. The first one to find all the shamrocks on their shamrock strip is the Lucky Leprechaun!

I thank my lucky shamrocks for my ArtCart friends!

-Ms. Susan