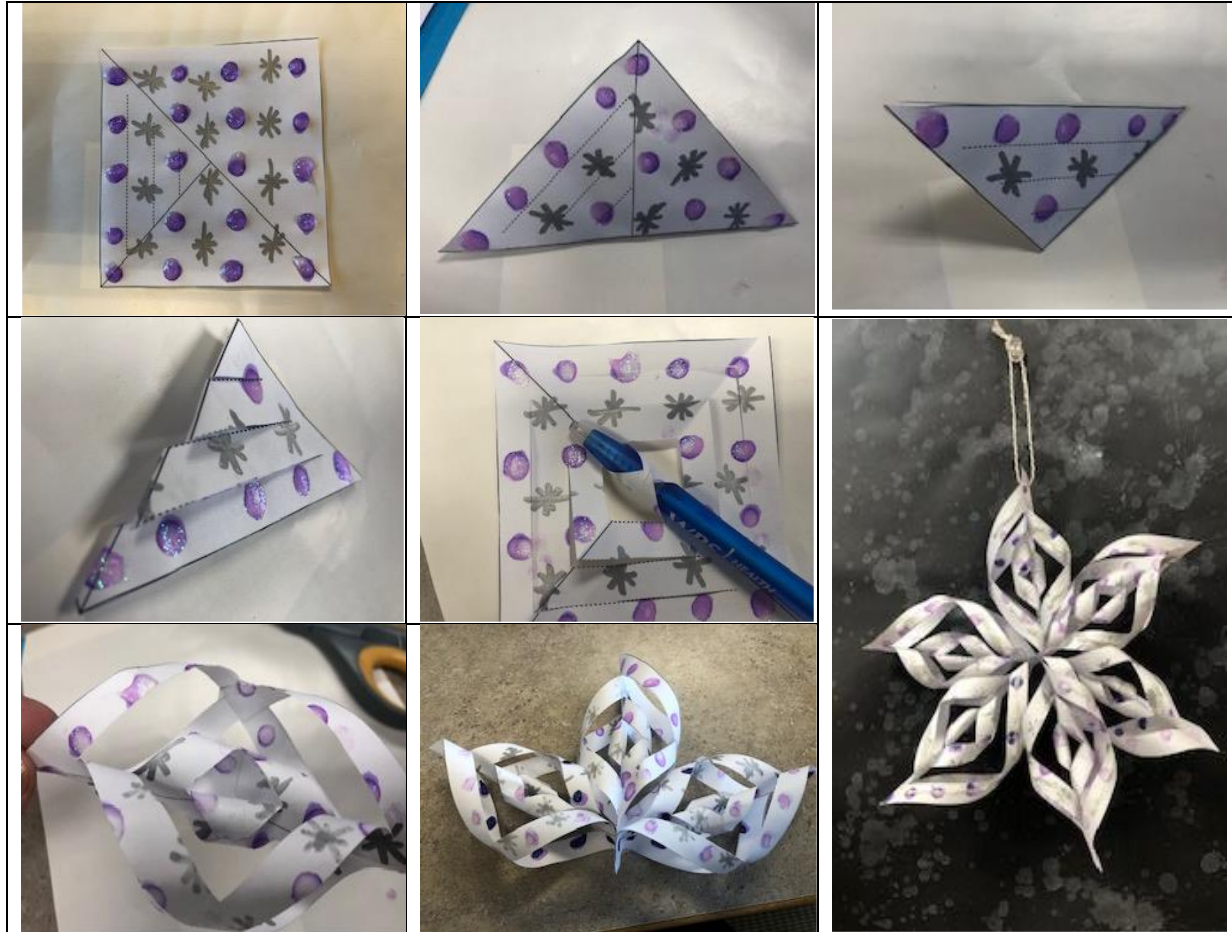


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. We have only seen a few flakes of snow falling on the ground, but it is always amazing to see the sparkle of each flake. The white sparkle you sometimes see on the snow is just light reflecting off the top of ice crystals when it is cold on the surface. If light bounces off the bottom of the crystals, color can be created in shades of blue, reds, and purples like a rainbow. Let's make our own fun creating a sparkling snowflake inside where it will not melt. You can try making a few and make a snow-mobile!



1-On a piece of paper draw six equal size squares. Color and decorate each square as you like with lines, dots, or just let your imagination soar. For the younger artist, you can draw each square on a single piece of paper, so it is larger to work with. Cut out each square. Fold each square in half from corner to corner. Fold in half again, so you have a triangle. Cut two or three slits in each triangle, cutting from the folded side and leaving a small edge on the triangle. **Do not cut** all the way across the triangle. Open up each triangle after cutting. You can even try using different colored paper or coloring the page before decorating.

2-Bring the two middle or center tabs together and tape. It may be easier to roll the first one around a pencil. **Flip** the square over and tape together the next two inside tabs. **Flip** again and continue connecting all the tabs. You will have a number of 3-D snowflake arms. Attach two arms together at the end point and continue adding the arms as they are completed. Add a string or piece of yarn to hang in the window and enjoy a sparkling winter wonder.

Let your light shine and sparkle!

-Ms. Susan