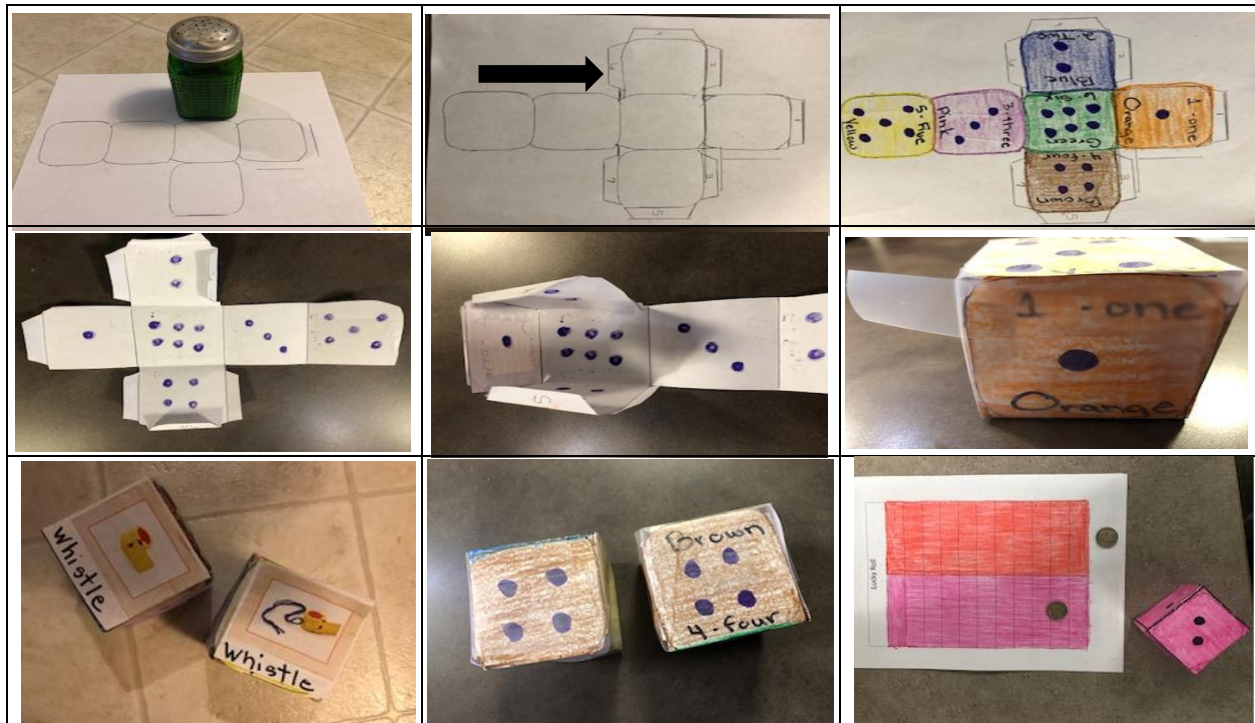


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Did you ever think that learning your numbers, colors, or letters could be fun? If you want to get ready for "Back to School" and brush on a few math skills this is the project. This week you can shake up some fun with your very own dice. You can make one pair of dice for matching or adding, or you can make more and play games with others in the house. You can have one dice that you roll in the morning to see how many hugs you can get from a special someone or how many minutes you have to brush your teeth. Shake and roll 'em!



1-Start by drawing four squares down the middle of the paper. Find a square item around the house and trace it. Then draw a square on either side of the second middle square. Make tabs on the top of the end square and tabs all around the two side squares. Color or decorate each square, or add stickers. You can add numbers, 1 through 6 on each square with dots or words. Or use different pictures on each square or shapes. Any way you would like to use the dice will be fun. Cut one the dice.

2- Fold the tabs into the middle and then fold each square on the lines. Fold the top square towards the middle and glue each tab from the side square to the top square. Then fold up the other side and glue two more tabs to continue forming a cube shape. Glue the last tab to the opposite side. You can add tape around the whole cube to make it sturdier. Or use glitter glue to seal all the edges.

3- If you want to play matching games, you have to make another cube with the exact same colors, numbers or pictures on the squares. Make rows of colors on another page with a different color for each player. Each color takes turns rolling the dice and move up the column for each turn. Use a coin or M&M to as a marker and the first one to the end, wins both markers (coins or M&M's). Or you can make your dice from big boxes and have fun out in the yard! Another game- roll the dice, add the numbers for your turn. If you match or get a pair of the same number, score 10 points. The first person to 25 wins. Or score 5 points every time you match shapes or pictures.

Roll the dice and have some fun! -Ms. Susan

