This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. All the leaves are piling up and will soon be swept or blown away. This week we have an art project to capture all the beauty of the colors of the season before they disappear. It will also give you a chance put your own special artistic style on the paper. Imagine, color, cut, and paste to bring your art to life.



1-Color a picture of leaves with your favorite fall shades. If you do not have a picture you can draw the leaves or trace a few that have fallen outside. Fill the whole page with color. If you want to use a picture with any other objects that is just fine too. Cut off the edges of the picture to make it smaller (about 1 inch all around). Save the parts that you have cut off.

2-This is where the creative, fun part happens. You can cut your picture up and glue it on another larger paper. Cut the leaves in to stripes, squares, circles, or any shape you want. The paper can be white or any color you like. Cut some of the leaves out that you saved from the larger picture and add them to your work. You can extend the designs on to the larger paper to make the image appear 3-D. You can even glue some real leaves on your picture from outside. Add bright marker lines around the images, sparkle glue, or yarn. You can add a favorite message or words to your creation, it's all depends how you are feeling!

Remember, "You can't use up creativity. he more you use, the more you have". - Maya Angelou

Let your creativity run wild! Ms. Susan