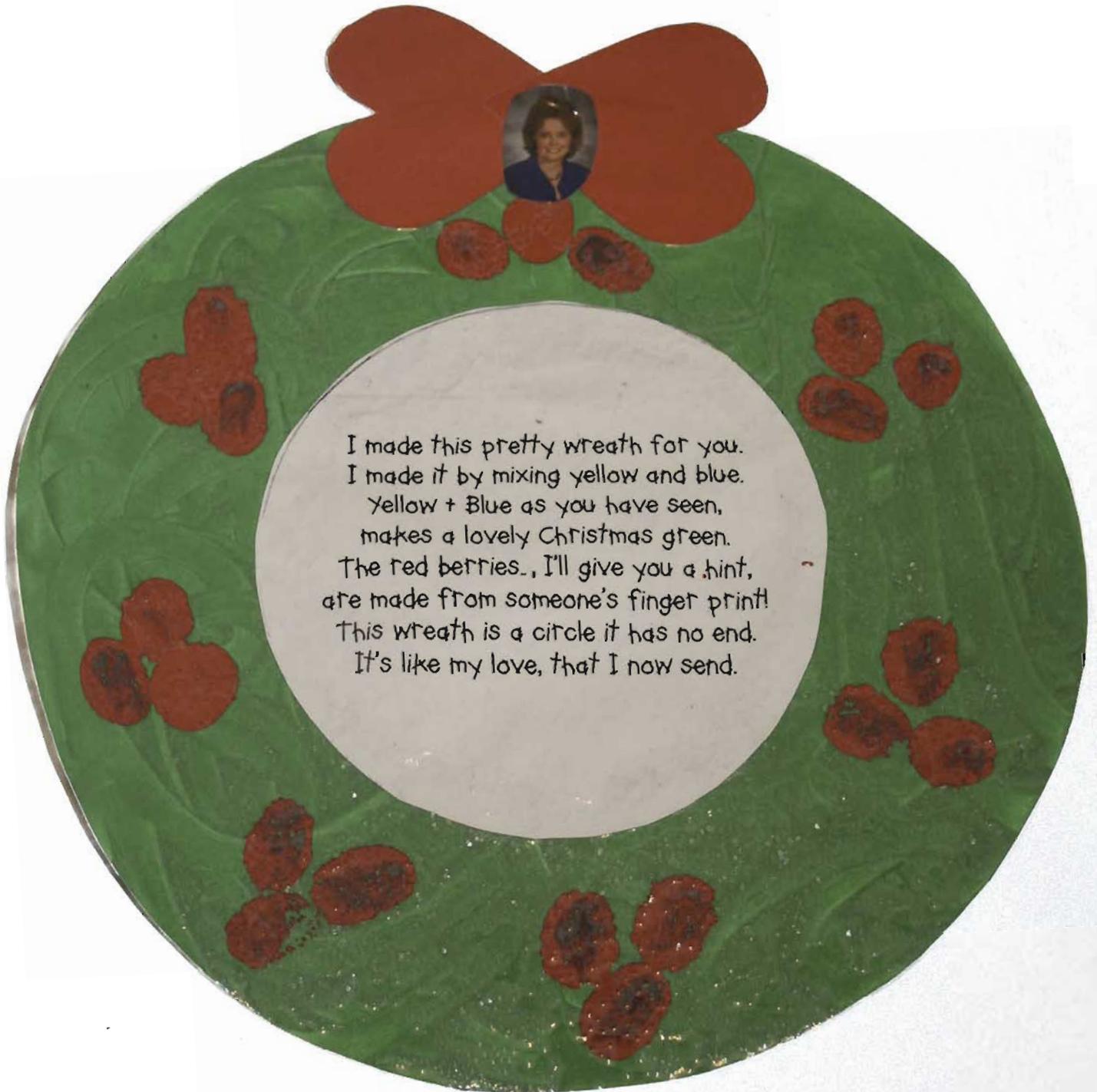
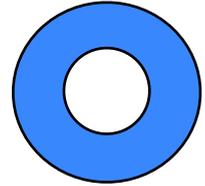


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Finger Painted Wreath



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A Finger-Painted Keepsake Wreath

Yellow + Blue Makes Green

Materials:

- Tag board
- Yellow, blue, green paint
- Paint shirts
- Scissors
- Red construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Children's' school photo
- Masters

Directions:

Prep:

- Make a template of the circle.
- Trace and cut out tag board wreaths.
- Write children's names on the non-shiny back.
- Cover tables with paper.
- Lay out paint shirts
- Put wreaths on tables name side up.
- Make a template of the heart.
- Trace and cut out red hearts (2 for each child to make a bow.)
- Run off, and cut out school photo.

The next day...

1. Call children to their seats via their name plate.
2. They have already put on a paint shirt. (I have these in a laundry basket in the hallway, so when then arrive, they immediately put one on.)
3. They flip over their plate.
4. Put a quarter-size dollop of yellow paint on their plate. Remind them not to touch the paint 'til they get their drop of blue.
5. Give everyone yellow, before you do blue.
6. Put a dime-size dollop of blue paint on their plate. They may start to twirl and swirl as soon as they get the blue paint.
7. Some may need a bit more paint to fill up the entire circle. I use real green as when they mix these two colors, although it changes to green,

it's not really a pretty Christmas green, so I give them a tad of real green to swirl in as soon as they're done mixing the two primary colors. As they swirl I have them say the equation out loud: Yellow + Blue = Green! The children really enjoy the "magic" of secondary colors!

8. As they finish I send them "hands up!" to the bathroom and place all the circles on a sheet of long paper to dry in the corner.
9. Some start to curl, but they flatten out later.
10. I have an activity like *Pinch and Poke* or *Tetrominoes* for them to do on their tummies, while I'm cleaning up the tables.
11. Then I set up a booklet for them to transition to when I'm done with table clean-up.
12. In the afternoon, I put paper back down on the table, and they once again don a paint shirt.
13. I have their wreaths, circle poems, hearts, pix, and a glue stick sitting on the tables.
14. They glue their circle poem to the center of the wreath. They glue their two red hearts together, then glue their picture to the middle, then glue their bow to the top of their wreath.
15. Then I put paper plates (3 to a table) with a dollop of red paint on them on the tables.
16. They dip their pointer finger in, and make a group/set of 3 berries, then a space and another set, going around their wreath.
17. We set them aside to dry.
18. They wipe their finger on their shirt and I pass around a wet wipe. Children who are messier use the bathroom and we move on to a game or another afternoon activity.
19. These can be wrapped, or simply tucked into their Take Home Folders.
20. They make for a great b. board as well. I've put them on a black background. They look great used as a border with something else in the middle too.
21. I find that December is such a short month, that I don't decorate the hallway or classroom too much.

Let's Finger Paint.

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Print, trim and trace onto an old file folder.

Flip down to make the other half of the circle. Glue the 2 pieces together to create a circle. You may have to adjust the positions a bit to make it more circular.

Trace onto white tag board or card stock.

You may want these pre-cut. For less mess on the tables, leave as a square. When dry, children can trim into a circle. The problem with this option, is often children have too much paint on the paper that they won't be able to see the lines to cut on, and cutting tag board is pretty difficult for little ones.

Cover tables. Add a dollop of yellow and a tiny dot of blue paint.

Using their fingertips, children swirl the paint mixing it to make green. Adjust green color by either adding more yellow or blue.

You will hear excited squeals of: "Look it's turning green!"

Set aside to dry.

Later, children add red holly berries by dipping their finger in red paint.

Trim & trace the heart onto an old file folder. Trace one onto red construction paper and then cut 3-5 at a time.

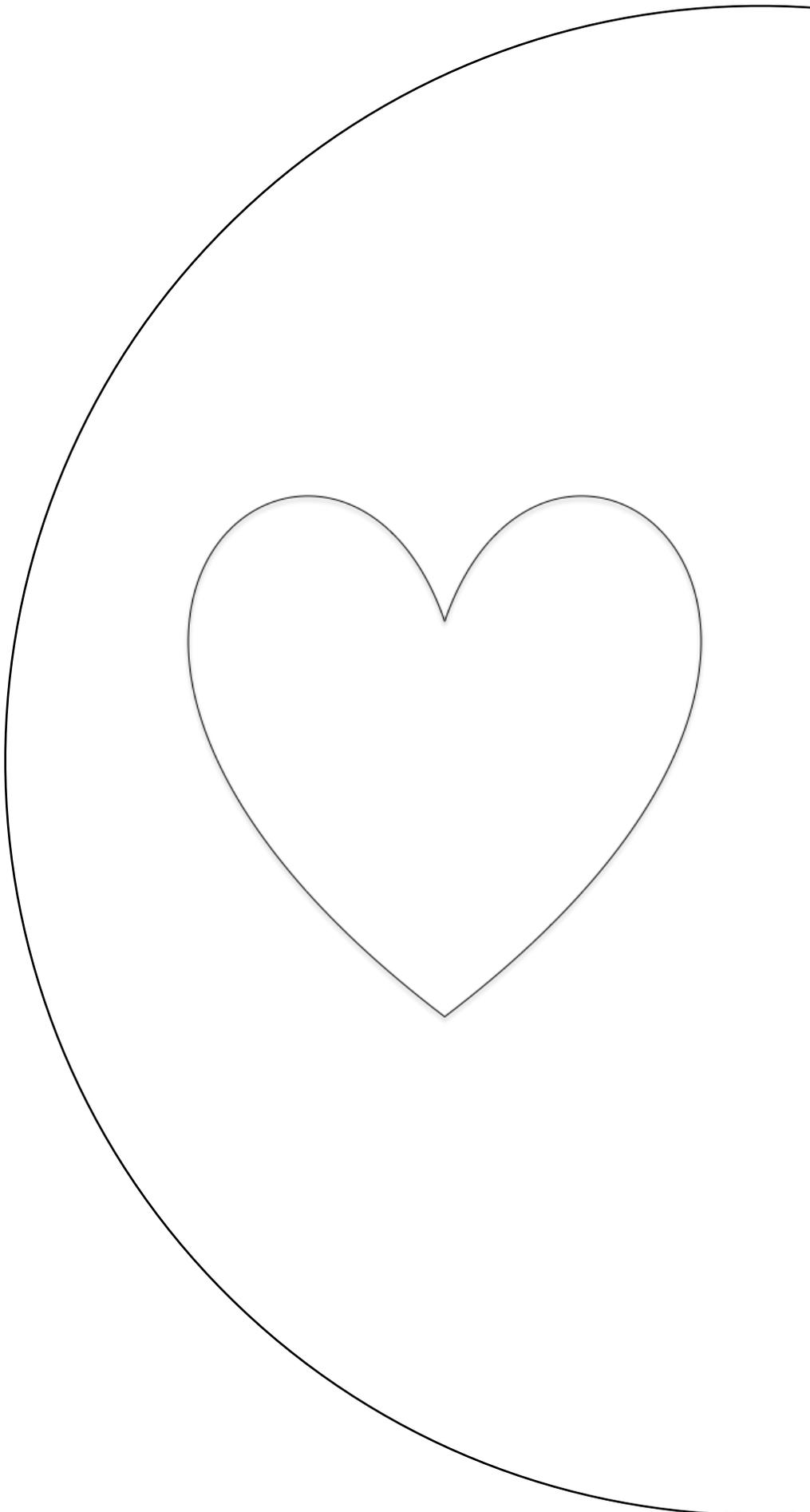
The heart makes a bow.

Each child needs 2.

For extra pizzazz, glue the child's photo in the center of the bow.

Run off the circle poem on white paper. Students trim and glue to the center of their wreath.

These make a sweet bulletin board and wonderful keepsake "paper-love" gift.



Center for
finger painted wreath.

Run off on white paper.
Students trim and glue to the
middle of their wreath.



I made this pretty wreath for you.
I made it mixing yellow and blue.
Yellow + blue as you have seen,
makes a lovely Christmas green.
The red berries...I'll give you a hint,
are made from someone's finger print.
This wreath is a circle it has no end.
It's like my love that I now send.

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