Make a color poem book!

Create a poem book based on your favorite colors! This craft is inspired by the blog *Making Books*.

**Supplies:**
- 1 piece of construction paper
- 1 piece of cardstock
- Crepe paper of tissue paper - 4 colors
- Yarn
- White copy paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors

**Directions:**

1. Cut the cardstock in half lengthwise. Fold accordion-style four times.
2. Cut two rectangles out of the construction paper. Make sure they are a little bit larger than the cardstock. Glue construction paper to each end of the cardstock.
3. Tear or cut the tissue paper or crepe paper into small pieces. Glue paper to the cardstock, one color on each “page”.
4. Create your color poem! Make a four-line poem inspired by each color of your crepe or tissue paper. Write or print your poem on white paper.
5. Cut out the poems and glue on top of the tissue or crepe paper.
6. Tie your book together with a piece of yarn.
The Muscogee, or Creek, Native Americans were originally part of the Mississippian culture in Tennessee. The Muscogee would later move south to Georgia and Alabama where they owned a large amount of land. The ancient Muscogee used earth mounds as platforms for buildings in their villages.

After the American Revolution, President George Washington established a plan to encourage Native American tribes to adopt European culture and traditions. The Muscogee tribe were the first to follow this plan, followed by the Cherokee, Chicasaw, Choctaw and Seminole. The tribes that became part of the plan were called the “Five Civilized Tribes.” The early European settlers in the U.S. wanted the Muscogee land, and they used lots of different ways to take that land. Some Muscogee were pressured by the U.S. government into giving away large portions of their land in a series of agreements, called cessions. In 1830, the U.S. passed the Indian Removal Act, which required that many Native American tribes to exchange their native lands for land in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. The Muscogee signed the Treaty of Cusseta, where they gave up all lands east of the Mississippi River, in 1832. They were forced to march hundreds of miles to new Indian Territory in 1834, facing disease, starvation and exposure to the elements. Over 4,000 Native Americans, including many Muscogee, died before reaching the new territory. As a result of this devastation, this dark period of U.S. history is called the Trail of Tears. Today, there are about 71,000 Muscogee members. Most live in Oklahoma, although there are some Muscogee who live in Alabama, Louisiana and Texas.

**Q&A**

Where do the Muscogee live today?

What year was the Trail of Tears?

Who were called the “Five Civilized Tribes”?

What are the agreements called where the Muscogee sold land to the U.S.?
Write a word that makes you think of Fall. Start each word with the letters in the word FALL.

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Make Fry Bread

Fry bread is a staple of many Native American tribes spanning several generations. A simple fried dough, fry bread can be sweet, savory, served with toppings, or eaten plain. This tasty treat needs to be made with an adult.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- Vegetable oil for frying—enough for 1-inch depth in skillet or pot

**Directions:**

1. Heat oil in heavy saucepan or skillet to 350 degrees or when the oil bubbles around a wooden spoon.
2. While the oil is heating make your fry bread. Combine the flour, salt, and baking powder in a mixing bowl.
3. Add milk and stir until the dough sticks together. Knead 3-4 times on a floured surface.
4. Divide the dough into four pieces and shape the pieces into a ball.
5. Roll or press each piece into a circle. Make a dent in the center of each piece.
6. CAREFULLY place 1 or 2 pieces of dough into the hot oil. Fry for 1-2 minutes on each side until LIGHTLY browned.
7. Remove dough from oil and place on a paper towel to drain. Repeat with the rest of the pieces.
8. Enjoy!
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branding iron  doll  palmetto  swamp
camp  dugout  patchwork  sweetgrass
canoe  flag  pestle  tribe
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1. Fire
2. Rain
3. S. Pears
4. Mushroom
5. Umbrella
6. Harvest
7. Acorn
8. Orange
9. Pumpkin
10. Berry

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