Peanuts was compiled in many book collections, but Charles Schulz also authored and illustrated books separate from the strip like Happiness is a Warm Puppy, first published in 1962 based on a strip printed two years prior (see above). At first, Schulz was not sure he could come up with more “Happiness is…” ideas. But he sat down at his drawing desk and within an hour had come up with more than enough ideas to fill an entire volume. The book spent 45 weeks on the New York Times Best Sellers list, and by 1967, it had sold over one million copies throughout the world!

WHAT IS HAPPINESS TO YOU?
Think about what makes you happy and collect your thoughts in a handmade book. Books can be as simple as one sheet of paper folded in half or more complicated like this pocket accordion book:

Materials Needed:
- Plain sheet of paper (standard size or larger)
- Extra paper of any kind for creating characters
- Scissors
- Tape
- Writing and drawing supplies

1. Lay your sheet of paper out flat so that it is longer horizontally.

2. Fold the bottom edge of the paper upwards, making a sharp crease along the bottom of the fold. The portion of the paper that is folded upward will become your pockets so make it as deep as you need to accommodate what you want to put inside.

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3. Fold your paper in half vertically making a sharp crease.

4. Open the paper back up and flip it over, with the pocket facing down. Fold the ends on both sides in to meet the crease made by the fold in the middle. The pocket should still be along the bottom.

5. Open your book up and put a bit of tape on the outside edge of the pocket on each end so that your pocket is closed off.

6. On a separate piece of paper, create drawings of cartoon characters or items that make you happy. Cut them out and put them in the pockets. Then write or illustrate the pages to create your own Happiness is... book!