

**Southgate Board of Education Meeting  
October, 2018  
Special Education and Preschool Report**

1. Cub School began October 12<sup>th</sup>. 5 families attended. Parents and cubs came for 1 hour of play and circle time. Each family left with activities, literature, and a board book for their child. We will meet again the second Friday in November and will continue through April 2019. Curriculum materials were purchased through the Striving Reader Grant. The goal is to build a relationship with incoming preschoolers and their families. The preschool teacher, Miranda Smith, and her assistant, Nancy Smith, facilitated the event.
2. Southgate will begin the Born Learning Academy in November. Workshops will be held monthly for 90 minutes, November through April. United Way accepted my proposal and will be providing Southgate with **\$2,750** for the purchase of meals and incentives/door prizes for participating families. Curriculum was purchased through the Striving Reader Grant. The goal is to provide parents with practical ideas to turn everyday activities into learning moments. The focus is on language skills, how children learn, and 'learning on the go' to better prepare children for Kindergarten. The preschool staff, FRYSC, and I will facilitate the workshops.
3. The Preschool Partnership Grant was awarded to Southgate. The award is \$93,749 per year for a total of **\$187,498.00** over the two year period. A Memorandum of Agreement will be signed and returned to KDE.
4. The hiring of a literacy coach has improved instruction and the collaboration between regular education and special education teachers. It is truly a benefit to the students in Southgate. I sincerely appreciate your support!