

## Counselor's Corner

June/July 2019

- **Me and My School:** Ms. Weber is teaching the upcoming kindergarten students once a week in the Me and My School summer readiness program. Each week the students are learning a new pro-social skill to help prepare them for the transition next year. Most of the lessons include an interactive story with puppets and music that reinforces the skills of attentiveness, listening, asking questions, and perseverance. Ms. Weber also added a new element of the counseling lessons this summer that allow the students to experience live animal interactions. They love it!
- **Summer School Session:** The 2019 Southgate Summer School Session was held the first two weeks in June. We had 8 students in grades 5-8 who attended the session to remediate their skills in one or more of their core courses. Our summer school teachers, Ms. Abner, Mrs. McAtee, and Mrs. Jones provided excellent individual instruction to each student, and they worked hard to ensure that the students could improve their specific skill deficits for next year. Ms. Shiloh also provided an invaluable service picking up the students' meals for breakfast and lunch each day! The staff was pleased with the students' growth during the session, and we hope to continue this opportunity for our students. Mrs. Rubemeyer and Ms. Weber will work with the leadership team to fine tune the summer school session for 2020.
- **Online Course Shout Out:** Two Southgate 8<sup>th</sup> graders who participated in the online Algebra course with Ms. Weber last year have PASSED the Algebra 1 entrance exam for high school! Passing this exam gives these students the opportunity to enter Geometry as freshmen and eventually end their high school careers taking AP Calculus without having to double up on math credits. We are so proud of their hard work and their stellar representation of Southgate School at their new high school next year!