

## Board of Education

October 2019

### Special Education/Preschool Report

1. The Book of the Week Program kicked off last week. 14 parents attended. Each child received a copy of *Pete and His Groovy Buttons* and a board game. Each child will receive a book each week until the end of the school year, for a total of 26 books!
2. Cub school met Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am – 11:00am. Six families participated. The next Cub School will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. Ready! For Kindergarten is a program new to Southgate. It's for families of children ages 3-5. Orientation was October 8<sup>th</sup>. Seven families participated. Free parent workshops will be provided for fall, winter and spring. Parents will receive free materials and tools, dinner and child care. \*See attached flyer
4. Born Learning Academy begins next week on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. This is for families of children aged birth-3. This will be the second year for the program.
5. Southgate has several new students who are not identified but have significant behavior challenges. All are enrolled in the RtI Program (Response to Intervention) and we are monitoring their progress through daily point sheets and individual behavior plans. One student is now placed at the Phoenix Program based upon his IEP and mental health diagnoses. The goal is to transition him back to Southgate once he has his behaviors under control. The guidance counselor and the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky have been instrumental in assisting staff and the children through the transition process. Behavioral consultants from NKCES have observed and made recommendations and will be providing professional development. Through the Innovative Approach to Literacy grant, I recommend that a consultant be hired to work with our primary staff in implementing standards and engaging students.