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- Pre-K application forms were sent to current and prospective parents who have registered their child for a screening. Two-thirds of parents would like their children to attend all-day prekindergarten.
- Blastoff Kids Academy has had much interest from parents. Within 2 days of sending information to families, 35 student applications were submitted.
- Testing season is here! Our special education teachers, aides, and related service providers are all busy providing the individualized accommodations that students need to be successful with the assessments.
- Kindergarten through Junior High special education teachers completed refresher training on Orton-Gillingham, an approach to reading instruction. Interventionists also completed this training.
- Our pre-k parent liaison held the first parent/student night, a yoga activity for the family!
- Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Shaw participated in the Career Fair at Illinois State University. It was fun to share information about our district and see the interest of current ISU students.
- Mrs. Shaw presented at the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education Statewide Conference at the end of February and the Council for Exceptional Children National Conference in mid-March. The benefits our students have had from the summer work program were discussed including the growth in employment, social-emotional, and self-advocacy skills.