Some stories from our volunteers:

Gwen Brown

Gwen Brown taught music in MUSD for fifteen years. She returned in 2008-09, to be a part of the Wonder of Reading program. She finds working with her readers interesting and rewarding. Working one on one with students is a great way to get to know them and to help see how much fun reading can be. The hour she spends with her students each week is cherished.

Ofelia Garcia

My name is Ofie (Ofelia) Garcia. I have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 4 greats. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, living my life mostly in L. A. and So. Pasadena, CA. I taught high school, 6 classes of mixed 9th/ 10, 11th and 12th graders. I also taught at the ELA Occupational center and Monrovia adult. Adult classes were as a substitute. I really enjoyed working with adults because they are ready to learn. I am really enjoying working with the little kids at Bradoaks. Hopefully this will be an enriching and happy experience for my 2 students.

Volunteering for the reading partnership program has been quite interesting, even though it's only been one time. I also really enjoyed doing this, and hope to continue to volunteer at Bradoaks. Even though I have read with and for my grandchildren, this is all a new ball game for me.

Michelle Saccoman

I am married and the stay at home mother of four. My oldest daughter, Brianne is twenty four. She works at a doctors' office and is going to school to become a nurse. Both my boys go to Clifton Middle School. Spencer is in 8th grade and Morgan is in 7th grade. My youngest daughter, Rileigh is in 3rd grade at Bradoaks.

I have always loved reading. As a child I subscribed to a book club and received a new book once a month. I looked so forward to getting and reading the new stories. I was very excited to volunteer for the Wonder of Reading Program. I thought it would give me the opportunity to share my love for reading new adventures. My hope is that with time I will make a positive impact on my little readers. They have already blessed me in many ways!