Tutors are supported with an orientation, handbook, materials, and ready access to a master teacher for suggestions and resources.

Teaching occurs during breakfast conversation, group singing, and hands-on projects. A central goal is to insure that tutors, as well as students, feel comfortable and successful.

Neither second language fluency nor teaching experience is needed.

Tutoring takes place Wednesdays from 9:30 until 11:00 AM.

Classes are given in cycles of 10 weeks each, allowing tutors to try their hand at it, and to attend to other commitments as needed at the end of the cycle.

Dates for Spring of 2018:
April 18-May 23

Orientation for new teachers consists of one-on-one consultation, scheduled at each tutor’s convenience.

ESL Breakfast Club

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The ESL Breakfast Club:

Bringing together English-speaking volunteers and parents learning English
Many immigrants, particularly women, have little or no access to ESL classes as traditionally structured. Their responsibilities in caring for pre-school children, lack of transportation, meager funds for tuition, and family schedules prevent them from attending classes regularly. At the same time, numbers of fluent English speakers in Long Beach wish to stand with immigrants in our community. In this project, both groups are joined in a common effort with a two-fold goal: teaching English to people who would otherwise miss the opportunity, and learning about the many contributions of English Learners in our City.

The ESL Breakfast Club is not only free, it removes obstacles for English Learners by providing one-on-one tutoring in a familiar setting. Tutoring, childcare, breakfast, and convenient access are provided gratis. Volunteers from the community serve as individual tutors.

Why the ESL Breakfast Club?
Improved English allows parents to support their school-age children in learning and opens doors to jobs, higher education, and citizenship

What are tutors saying?
This is about much more than teaching English.
This is my favorite part of the week! I love teaching one-on-one.
[I learned] appreciation for the serious attitude of students, who put a lot of effort into preparing for the sessions. I felt very close to my student in a short time.

Tutors form friendships with their students and gain a deeper understanding of the circumstances and contributions of the immigrant community.

We build bridges with immigrants, learn from them, and celebrate their presence.