About Mrs. Sugarman

   I was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1952.  As a child, I enjoyed being on stage.  I sang and danced my way through high school and college.  I have always loved animals, particularly standard poodles!  My poodle, MacGyver keeps me busy at home.

 My pastimes include gardening, cooking, art, exercising, and meeting friends for coffee.  My favorite way to spend free time is to hang out with my amazing grandson, Jake (A Rhoades Student!) and my darling granddaughters, Raya and Nili.

 My husband and I, Dr. Alan Sugarman, have been married for 45 years.  While living in New Haven, Connecticut, I received my bachelor’s degree in social work.  When we moved to California in 1980, I taught pre-school for six years at the Hanna Fenichel Child Development Center in Del Mar.

 I completed my master’s degree and teaching credential at National University in 1991 and have been teaching at the Rhoades School for 29 years in the very same kindergarten classroom.

 My sons, Eli and Zack, are both Rhoades School alumni!  They are grown now, but have fond memories of their Rhoades School experiences.

 I love teaching Kindergarten, with my best friend, Mary Ruppert, because I am back on stage in the classroom--laughing, singing, creating, and learning from the students!