

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grades 4 and 5,

My name is Megan Rodriguez and I am so excited to be your child's teacher next year! I have been a teacher at Dobson for 8 years and I am looking forward to working with your family! I graduated from Temple University with a Pre-K through 6th grade certification, received my reading specialist Master's Degree from Holy Family University and I am also a National Board Certified teacher. Each year I strive to learn and grow as a teacher. Over the next school year, I will be teaching 4th and 5th grade Math and Science at Dobson. I will also be the 5th grade homeroom teacher. I have been in 5th grade for the last couple of years and I am excited to work with the fourth grade curriculum again. Prior to my fifth grade switch, I taught 4th grade for four years. I have two children, a 5 year old son and a 3 year old daughter. I also have 3 dogs and 2 conure birds that love to visit our class! I am very excited to be departmentalizing, enabling me to focus strongly on my favorite subjects.

My counterpart will be Mrs. Silverman. She was very excited to introduce herself!

**“My name is Alyson Silverman and I am thrilled to be your child's ELA and Social Studies teacher next year as well as the 4th grade homeroom teacher. This is my 16th year of teaching overall and I have been in the District for 12 of those years. Previously, in the School District of Philadelphia, I taught kindergarten, second grade and fifth and sixth grade ELA and Social Studies. I received my undergraduate degree from Tulane University in New Orleans and my certification and Master's degree in Elementary Education from Arcadia University. I am married with two boys, ages 20 and 22.”**

It is our goal to foster independence, responsibility and personal accountability while developing interpersonal relationships and continuing to build a community of lifelong learners. We plan to teach the students to respect themselves and one another by making good choices and producing quality work. Students will increase their ability to work independently and take ownership and pride in their academic performance.

We are already in close contact and gearing up for an amazing 2023-2024 school year and we cannot wait to meet the students in September!”

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Rodriguez & Mrs. Silverman*

**Grades 4&5 Supply List  
2023-2024 School Year**

**Ms. Rodriguez - [mhsinger@philasd.org](mailto:mhsinger@philasd.org) - Mathematics & Science**

**Ms. Silverman - [absilverman@philasd.org](mailto:absilverman@philasd.org) - English Language Arts & Social Studies**

**Personal Supplies – Please label these supplies with your child’s name.**

- ❖ Five (5) sturdy folders with pockets (No binders, please)
- ❖ Two (2) marble composition books
- ❖ Two (2) spiral notebooks
- ❖ One (1) pencil case (No boxes, please)
- ❖ One (1) pencil sharpener that holds the shavings
- ❖ Ten (10) sharpened pencils
- ❖ One (1) pair of school scissors
- ❖ One (1) glue stick
- ❖ Four (4) LOW ODOR dry erase markers
- ❖ Two – Four (2-4) red pens
- ❖ One (1) box of crayons (No more than 24, please)
- ❖ One (1) box colored pencils
- ❖ Two (2) highlighters (any color)
- ❖ Two (2) packs of 5 x 7 index cards
- ❖ One (1) 12-inch ruler
- ❖ One (1) pair of earbuds/Headphones
- ❖ Two (2) packages of Post-It notes

**Classroom Supplies - To be used for the whole class.**

- ❖ Ten (10) sharpened pencils
- ❖ One (1) package of lined paper
- ❖ Two (2) reams of copy paper
- ❖ Three (3) containers of Lysol wipes (Any brand is fine.)
- ❖ Two - four (2-4) boxes of tissues
- ❖ Two – four (2-4) rolls of paper towels
- ❖ Three (3) bottles of hand sanitizer
- ❖ One (1) box of large Ziplock bags

**Please label all of your child's belongings as they will travel between two classrooms and share space. Thank you!**