

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grades 4 and 5,

A Message from Ms. Cassidy (4th and 5th Grade Math and Science/5th Grade Homeroom)

My name is Lindsay Cassidy and I am looking forward to being one of your child's teachers next year! I am entering my 13th year teaching in Philadelphia and my 2nd year at Dobson! I graduated from Temple University with a certification in Special Education (N-12) and Elementary Education (K-6). I most recently earned my master's degree in Teacher Leadership in 2021 from the American College of Education. I consider myself to be a lifelong learner, and I intend to share that love of learning with my students; we will all learn and grow together, no matter the previous education experience we start the new school year with.

Over the next school year, I will be teaching 4th and 5th grade Math and Science. I will also be the 5th grade homeroom teacher. Math is my absolute favorite subject to teach and I hope to share this passion with our kiddos! I rely heavily on Class Dojo for communication, so you can look forward to messages and posts from me often. I have two daughters of my own, an 8 year old and 12 year old. I know the challenges that come between home and school, but also the advantages of the parent/school partnership. All that said, I'm really looking forward to working with you and your students!

A Message from Ms. Silverman (4th and 5th Grade ELA and Social Studies teacher/4th Grade Homeroom)

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 17th year of teaching overall and I have been in the District for 13 of those years. Previously, in the School District of Philadelphia, I taught kindergarten, second, and fourth through 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 have been married for 25 years with two boys, ages 21 and 23. I also have an 18-year old bichon poodle named Lucky.

Most importantly, it is my goal to foster independence, responsibility and personal accountability while developing interpersonal relationships and continuing to build a community of lifelong learners. Together, we plan to teach the students to respect themselves and one another by making good choices and producing quality work. By the end of the school year, students will increase their ability to work independently and take ownership and pride in their academic performance.

We are already gearing up for an amazing 2024-2025 school year and cannot wait to welcome the students in August! You are an essential part of your child's learning so please feel free to contact us via email at [absilverman@philasd.org](mailto:absilverman@philasd.org) or [lcassidy@philasd.org](mailto:lcassidy@philasd.org) at any time. Also, please check in with your child each day as your active participation in your child's learning is one of the most important components to their success.

Best,

Mrs. Silverman and Ms. Cassidy  
**Grades 4&5 Supply List**  
**2024-2025 School Year**

Ms. Cassidy – [lcassidy@philasd.org](mailto:lcassidy@philasd.org) - Mathematics & Science

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

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

- ❖ 4 sturdy folders with pockets (No binders, please)
- ❖ 2 marble composition book (ELA/Science)
- ❖ 1 pencil case large enough to hold all supplies (No boxes, please)
- ❖ 1 pencil sharpener that holds the shavings
- ❖ 10 sharpened pencils
- ❖ 2 glue sticks
- ❖ 4 LOW ODOR dry erase markers
- ❖ 1 box colored pencils, 12 Pack
- ❖ 2 highlighters (any color)
- ❖ (1) 12-inch ruler
- ❖ 1 pair of headphones **\*These are important for STAR testing!\***
- ❖ 2 packages of Post-It notes
- ❖ 1 Protractor (4TH GRADE ONLY)



**Classroom Supplies - To be used for the whole class. Do not label these supplies.**

- ❖ 10 sharpened pencils
- ❖ 2 packs of 5 x 7 index cards
- ❖ 1 package of lined paper
- ❖ 2 reams of copy paper
- ❖ 3 containers of Lysol wipes (Any brand is fine.)
- ❖ 2-4 boxes of tissues
- ❖ 2-4 rolls of paper towels
- ❖ 3 bottles of hand sanitizer
- ❖ 1 box of large Ziplock bags

