

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grades 4 and 5,

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

My name is Megan Rodriguez and I am so excited to be your child's Math and Science teacher next year! 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. I have been a teacher at Dobson for 10 years and I am looking forward to working with your family! I spent most of my career in the 4/5th grade classroom and I am excited to be returning there for the 2025-2026 school year. Each year I strive to learn and grow as a teacher.

I have two children, a 7 year old son entering Second Grade and a 5 year old daughter entering Kindergarten. Our family will be joined by a new baby girl soon. I also have 3 dogs, 2 conure birds and a bearded dragon! I am well known at Dobson for my love of animals and my classroom pets! Next year, your students will be joined by our leopard gecko, Stimpie, and our bearded Dragon, Spyro. Through our science curriculum students will learn how to create a bioactive terrarium that will become its very own, fully functioning ecosystem! I am so eager to be teaming up with Ms. Silverman again in order to create a memorable and fun school year!

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. This is my 18th year of teaching overall and I have been in the District for 14 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, my certification and Master's degree in Elementary Education from Arcadia University as well as my ESL certification. I have been married for 26 years with two boys, ages 22 and 24.

Most importantly, it is my goal to foster independence, responsibility and accountability while developing interpersonal relationships and 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 2025-2026 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 or mhsinger@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. Rodriguez

Grades 4&5 Supply List
2025-2026 School Year

Ms. Rodriguez – mhsinger@philasd.org - Mathematics & Science

Ms. Silverman - 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!

- ❖ 3 sturdy folders with pockets (2 for ELA/1 for Science)
- ❖ 1 agenda book to record daily assignments labeled with your student’s name [Daily planner](#). I have attached a link to purchase, however the Dollar Store is also a great place to purchase the planner.
- ❖ (1) 1 ½ inch 3-ring binder
- ❖ 4 page dividers
- ❖ 1 pack of sheet protectors
- ❖ 2 marble composition books (ELA/Science)
- ❖ 1 pencil case large enough to hold all supplies (No boxes, please)
- ❖ 2 large glue sticks
- ❖ 4 LOW ODOR dry erase markers
- ❖ 1 box colored pencils, 12 Pack
- ❖ 4 highlighters (4 different colors)
- ❖ (1) 12-inch ruler
- ❖ 1 pair of headphones ***These are important for STAR testing!***
- ❖ 4 packages of Post-It notes
- ❖ Students should ALWAYS have a book in their desk for daily independent reading
- ❖ 1 Protractor (4TH GRADE ONLY) 

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

- ❖ 24 #2 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
- ❖ 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- ❖ 1 box of large Ziplock bags