



## MEET OUR TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK) TEACHER

### Jennifer Silberschlag

**Bachelor of Arts:** *Elementary Education*  
University of Arizona

**Masters:** *Early Childhood Education with Reading Specialist Endorsement*  
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### Greetings from Jenny Silberschlag –

I am excited to be joining St. Michael's in a new role and beginning an exciting adventure with our kindergarteners. I am a native Tucsonan and graduated from the University of Arizona (Bear Down!) with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Shortly after, I went on to receive a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Northern Arizona University. I have taught kindergarten at Blenman Elementary School and Peter Howell Elementary School for a combination of almost a decade and also spent a year teaching preschool at Tucson Community School. I have spent this past year at Blenman Elementary School teaching a combination first and second grade curriculum, as well.

My family and I first joined the incredible St. Michael's community three years ago when our oldest son, Ralph (third grade) entered Ms. Sanders' kindergarten class. I was immediately awed by the love and support our family experienced and now feel deeply grateful to share new experiences with students and families within our community. My husband, Sven, and I love to camp, hike, bike, climb and do yoga with our children, Ralph and Henry (first grade). Zion, our brown poodle, loves to tag along, too! We take every opportunity we can to get outside and explore. You can find us at our family's cabin in Eldora, Colorado every summer as we escape the summer heat.

The kindergarten experience is an important time for your child and family. It's a year full of new routines, ideas and concepts for everyone! Our children grow tremendously during this time as they soak up the world around them. It is my passion and commitment to inspire a love of learning for our children as they make these new academic, social and emotional connections. I love creating the building blocks that help our children feel loved, supported and excited as they progress each day at school. I know these beginning moments will carry them as they grow older. It is a very unique and beautiful gift to be your child's kindergarten teacher!