

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!

Let me begin by introducing myself! My name is Becky Gacke (pronounced Gay-key) and I am going to be your teacher this year. This will be my 17th year teaching and my 4th year teaching at the Liberty Early Childhood Center. I spent my first 6 years teaching special education, then 7 years teaching kindergarten, and just finished my 3<sup>rd</sup> year teaching preschool special education. I can't wait to start our new year together. Our beautiful school is ready for your arrival. I have been planning for our classroom and know we will have lots of fun learning and growing with each other this year!

My husband, Tom and I, have three children beautiful children. Cole is a junior in college at Missouri Southern University in Joplin where he is studying to be a teacher and is a pitcher on their baseball team. Merrick is in 8th grade and enjoys volleyball, babysitting, and socializing like most teenage girls do. Macy is a 5th grader who enjoys dancing, acro, and crafting.

In addition to myself, our classroom staff will consist of two fabulous para-professionals, Ms. Carolyn Wallis and Ms. Jennifer Petty. Our Speech/Language Pathologist, Katie Jorgenson, will also spend a good portion of her day with us! We are excited to also be partnering with a Title 1 Classroom again this year as a community room. We will be spending part of our day with Ms. Daisy and Ms. Dotty!

Our Open House will be on August 16th, from 4:00-6:00. I hope to see you all then! You may bring classroom supplies on this night if you would like! I am looking forward to working with you and your child! If you have any questions or need to contact me, my e-mail is [Becky.Gacke@lps53.org](mailto:Becky.Gacke@lps53.org) and my phone number at the ECC is 736-5324. Take care and I will see you all soon!

Miss Becky