

Dear Families-

Welcome to the 2023-2024 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 22nd year teaching and my 9th year teaching at the Liberty Early Childhood Center. I have degrees in Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education from the University of Northern Iowa. I also have a Masters degree in Early Childhood Special Education from the University of Missouri.

My husband, Tom and I, have three beautiful children. We have an adult son who is an assistant manager at QT. We have two daughters, one is a freshman in college and one a sophomore in high school. We enjoy spending time outdoors and watching our children's activities.

The partnership you and I are about to embark on will be very rewarding for your child. I use the word 'partnership' to illustrate the fact that we are a team. As a parent, you are your child's 1st (and most important) teacher. As their classroom teacher, my role is to provide educational and social experiences that will help them be successful in their education journey.

For both of us to best support your child, the key component will be communication. I want (need) to know as much about your child as possible and I will share my experiences with you as well. You can reach me by phone at 816-736-5324 or by email at [becky.gacke@lps53.org](mailto:becky.gacke@lps53.org)

We are excited to be a community room with a Title 1 classroom teacher this year, Miss Daisy. We will work together to service all our students. Our Speech/Language Pathologist, Katie Jorgenson, will also spend a good portion of her day with us! Miss Melody will join us as a paraprofessional.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Miss Becky