Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year at the Liberty Early Childhood Center. I am so excited to work with you and have your child in my class this year.

Let me start by introducing myself. I am Sarah Sharples. This will be my fifth year of teaching. I have a Bachelor's degree in Special Education and a Masters' degree in Early Childhood Special Education from Missouri State University. My career has led me down the route of working with many children on the Autism Spectrum, along with many other disabilities. I feel confident that I have many skills to help your child be successful in my classroom.

I grew up not far from Kansas City in Maryville, Missouri. While I enjoyed small town life, city life has always called my name. I currently live in Liberty with my husband, daughter Lilly, and our three dogs, Arya, Jonah, and Bentley. Lilly was born in February 2023 and we have enjoyed spending time watching her grow.

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

For both of us to support your child, the KEY component will be communication. I want (need) to know as much information about your child as possible and I will share my experiences with you as well. You will receive a daily communication log in your child's communication notebook daily and monthly/weekly newsletters via email. You can reach me by email at sarah.sharples@lps53.org or by phone (816-736-2853). Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Please review the school supply list and plan to send supplies with your child as soon as you can! I hope you and your child are looking forward to the school year as much as I am!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sarah Sharples