



Dear Parents.

Welcome to the Liberty Early Childhood Center!!!

Let me start by introducing myself! My name is Stephanie Dignan and this is my 12<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I received my undergrad in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood at Northwest Missouri State University. Since graduating Northwest in 2008 I worked as a one-on-one paraprofessional at the Liberty Early Childhood Center for 3 years. In January 2012 I got my first teaching job at the Early Childhood Center as a special education teacher. I finished my master's in Early Childhood Special Education at Northwest the Spring of 2012. I'm very excited to be starting a new year as a Special Education Teacher.

I grew up in Liberty and I am a Liberty High School graduate. I'm very excited to be living and working in such a school district that influenced my life so much. I have a passion for working with students with special needs, especially Autism. I got married to my husband Ryan in April 2021. We welcomed our beautiful little girl Brinley in February 2022.

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 1<sup>st</sup> (and most important) teacher. As their classroom teacher, my role is to provide educational and social experiences that will help them to be successful as they continue to kindergarten. As a team we will all work together to do what is best for your child.

I believe that the most important key component in your child's success is for us to communicate. 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 email at e08138@lps53.org.

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