

August 2023

Dear Family,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at the Liberty ECC! This year will be very exciting as we approach learning through work and play. One of the best ways to ensure success for your child is through communication between home and school. I will work my hardest to be there for you throughout the year, please let me know how I can help. You, as parents, are the child's most important teacher and I am here to support you! This year is going to be great!

Let me introduce myself. My name is Loydena James and this will be my 17th year as a classroom teacher in Liberty. I earned my degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education at Northwest Missouri State in 1990, and completed my Masters in Special Education in 2020. My husband and I have two daughters. Madi is a Speech Language Pathologist working in a nursing and rehabilitation facility, and Rhiannon begins her second year teaching Textiles at Ruskin High School. Both girls are graduates of Liberty High School.

I'm supported in the classroom by Carolyn Wallis. We will work together as a team to provide the students a positive learning environment. We are very fortunate to have Carolyn with us! We are a part of a community room with special education teacher Kim Sanderford. There will be many opportunities to learn alongside other students and teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Early Childhood Center at 816-736-6800 ext. 2899 or email, Loydena.james@lps53.org. I am in the building from 8:30 to 4:30 during the school year. You can also reach Lanette or Kathi at the Early Childhood Center at 816-736- 5324 with questions or concerns. Email is the best way to reach me. I look forward to meeting you and your child in August!

Loydena James