

Every morning around 7:15 am you see a Honda Shadow 750 enter Freedom Elementary School with a dedicated teachers on it! Adam Smith has been a 6th grade teacher at Freedom Elementary for the past two years. Before that, he taught 5th grade for eleven years and 4th grade for another one. One of his passions is reading. It began with Science Fiction but has moved on to where he now says, "He hasn't found a series he hasn't liked." He also enjoys martial arts, and geeks out on history and the constitution. His favorite pastime is riding his bike, a Honda Shadow 750—as he calls it flying low.

Mr. Smith is a fabulous teacher and supports the work of others. He still feels like he's new to 6th grade but enjoys getting to know different aspects of the curriculum. He claims that this year's class is the absolute best class he's ever had. In addition to his own class and collaborating with his team, he has also taken on other responsibilities. This was his first year overseeing the science fair for 6th graders and reports that three students from Freedom earned recognition and prizes from the state competition at BYU. He also sponsored a robotics after-school club, enrolling 28 students to build Lego Mind storm robots. The culminating activity consisted of students showcasing their work to family and friends.

Mr. Smith's students outperformed the state average in all testing categories for Language Arts, Math, and Science in Sage testing during the 2015-2016 school year. This year he is tracking his students writing proficiency, and only one student is not on track as of his mid-year assessment to be proficient at the end of the year.

Parents, students, and staff members love Mr. Smith's easy going and funny personality. Mr. Smith spends hours of his own time working with students. You always see kids coming early or staying late to get extra help from Mr. Smith. We asked some of Mr. Smith Students about him. This is what they said: Ella said, "Mr. Smith teaches everything step-by-step, and he explains everything until everyone understands what's going on." Jacob said, "I like how he can joke with us and make it fun, but still keep us paying attention."

Mr. Smith is an excellent teacher and student. He has made Freedom Elementary a great place to be.