

Hi there!

My name is Tom Mott and I was born and raised in Norway, MI, with a five year stint in a small town called Carthage in upstate New York. I graduated from Norway High School in 2002 and attended Bay De Noc Community College for two years before heading to Northern Michigan University to finish my undergraduate degree, and later my graduate degree. I was lucky enough to land a job in "The Big Snow Country" right out of college. I have been teaching since the fall of 2008, where I started as a fourth grade teacher. Due to class cuts, I was funneled down to third grade. I love working with kids at this age level, seeing as how they have so much energy and are eager to learn.

I was married to my wonderful wife, Carissa Cayer Mott, in July 2014. When not in the classroom, time with family is a top priority, with outdoor recreational activities and basketball also high on the list. We love taking our dog (Stosh) to his favorite place, Norrie Park, everyday the summer weather allows.

In my classroom, I promote an atmosphere of safety, trust, and respect. I work hard to build a sense of community among my students, and I emphasize the idea of teamwork. I value cooperation and collaboration both in my classroom and as I work with my peers. I believe that great things can happen when we work together. Times are at their best when a student is not afraid to raise his/her hand with pride and give a WRONG answer, just to have another teammate (classmate) respectfully point them in the right direction. Students need to know, just as in life, it is alright to make a mistake. Every mistake we make is an opportunity to learn. Don't be afraid to fail!