



Dear Families,

We are excited to introduce Bulldog Empowerment for our Grade 5 students. This dedicated time is designed to help students grow academically, socially, and personally while living ACA's GREAT values: Grit, Respect, Engaged, Aware, and Thoughtful.

Each week students will participate in organization and goal setting, GREAT character lessons, intentionally selected read-alouds, reflection, and classroom community activities. These routines help students develop responsibility, organization, literacy, and strong character habits.

Our read-aloud novels were carefully selected to build literacy while reinforcing the GREAT values through meaningful discussions, writing, and reflection.

Quarter	Read-Aloud Novel
Q1	Fish in a Tree
Q2	The Wild Robot
Q3	Front Desk
Q4	When Stars Are Scattered
Q4	The War That Saved My Life

Throughout the year, students will discuss important themes such as kindness, perseverance, courage, empathy, identity, belonging, resilience, and respect for others. These conversations help students become thoughtful readers, responsible citizens, and positive members of our Bulldog community.

We encourage you to ask your child about the stories we are reading and the GREAT values they see demonstrated by the characters. These conversations at home help strengthen the connection between school and family.

Thank you for partnering with us as we empower each student to become a responsible, productive, and global citizen.

Sincerely,

The Grade 5 Team