



Dear Families,

We are excited to introduce Bulldog Empowerment for our Grade 6 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. This year, students will also participate in Typesy keyboarding instruction because many students did not receive consistent keyboarding instruction previously. Developing keyboarding skills will support classroom learning, writing, and state assessments. Beginning next year, keyboarding will be embedded into the regular instructional schedule.

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	Wonder
Q2	The First Rule of Punk
Q3	The Hero Two Doors Down
Q4	The Crossover

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 6 Team