

## Grade 6 Summer Reading

Please select, purchase and read ONE of the following Newberry Honor books. Themes include friendship, courage, and individuality, to name a few. Bring the book to school on the first day and as directed thereafter. Be prepared to discuss and respond in writing about characters, settings, plot, conflict, and theme.

**One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia:** In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year old Delphine and her sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer

**Rules by Cynthia Lord:** Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence, but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

**Al Capone Does My Shirts by Dan Gutman:** A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

**Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tolan:** Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

**Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff:** A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.