

## Summer Reading for Grade 6

### Language Arts and Religion

#### Language Arts

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.

#### Religion

Please read and be prepared to discuss the novel, **Heaven Is For Real** by Todd Burpo. Please write a brief reflection based on the following questions: How does Colton experience Heaven? How is your vision of Heaven similar or dissimilar to Colton's vision?