**Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming 6th Graders, 2018/2019**

Dear new sixth graders:

Over the summer, please procure for yourself a copy of *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo.  Read it during the summer.  Try not to leave all your reading until the end of August!

As you read, I would like you to keep a Reading Log.  At the end of **each chapter**, write a short paragraph in which you do one (or more) of the following:

* React: how did this chapter make you feel?  Why?
* Infer: What do the events of this chapter mean for the main character?
* Predict: what will happen next?
* Analyze: why did that happen?  What caused it to happen?

This reading log will be collected (and graded) during the first week of classes.

In September, you may have a longer writing assignment based on this book.

Thank you very much, and enjoy!  Happy reading!

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*Hello, and welcome to 6th grade!  These are the materials, other than your textbook/workbooks, which you will need for Mr. Russo’s class.*

English 6 Supply List

1. A 3-ring 1 ½ inch **binder** full of looseleaf (for note-taking and for in-class writing assignments)
2. A marble composition **notebook** (for daily in-class journaling activities)
3. A sturdy **folder** (to transport and store handouts and returned work)
4. Blue or black **pens** (no pencils!)
5. One box of **paper clips** (OR a small **stapler**)
6. **Highlighters**
7. **Post-Its**
8. One box of **tissues**
9. One pump-bottle of **hand sanitizer**
10. Access to a **computer** and a printer at home
11. A **library card** to your local library