**Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming 6th Graders, 2017-2018**

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 will have a longer writing assignment based on this book.

Thank you very much, and enjoy!  Happy reading!

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