



## Summer Reading for Rising 3rd Graders 2019

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students will read The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo**

Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: Reader, it is your destiny to find out.

### **Project:**

Bring your book and diorama on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 21, 2019

### **Book Project**

1. Create a diorama that represents a scene from your book. You might want to pick a scene that is important part of the book.
2. Paint the inside of the box to create your background, or glue construction paper to cover the inside of the box.
3. Create the materials for the scene in your diorama.
4. Arrange your materials inside your diorama and glue into place.
5. On a sheet of paper in your best handwriting answer these two questions.
  - A) Describe the scene (4 -5 sentences)
  - B) Why did you choose this scene (3-4 sentences)?
6. Be prepared to do a presentation on your diorama to the class

## DIORAMA RUBRIC

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Materials	The diorama is in a shoebox or another box of comparable size. A variety of materials are used to create the scene.	The diorama is in a shoebox or another box of comparable size. Several different materials are used to create the scene.	The diorama is in a box that is too small or too large. There is no variety in materials used to create the scene.	The diorama is not put together in a box. Only one or two materials are used to create the scene.
Background	The background is appropriate for the scene. The entire inside of the box is covered so that the box does not show.	The background is appropriate for the scene. Most of the entire inside of the box is covered so that the box does not show.	The background is mostly appropriate for the scene. A lot of the box is showing.	The background is not appropriate for the scene. Most of the box is showing.
Scene	The diorama shows a scene in the book and it's easy to tell what is happening in the scene.	The diorama shows a scene in the book and it is somewhat easy to tell what is happening in the scene.	The diorama shows a scene in the book, but it is not easy to tell what is happening in the scene.	The diorama does not have anything to do with the book.
Effort & Neatness	It appears that the student put a lot of effort into getting things right.	It appears the student worked hard on their project.	It looks like the student rushed parts of the assignment.	It looks like the student rushed most of the assignment.
Title & Author	The diorama displays the title of the book and the author.	-----	The diorama does not display either the title of the book or the author.	The diorama does not display the title of the book or the author.