

**Fifth Grade Summer Reading Project**

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo - Winner of the 2004 Newbery Gold Medal  
(270 pages total, including pictures)

Read *The Tale of Despereaux* , pages 11-121. These pages are required, but you are certainly encouraged to complete the book.

**Students must read:**

*“Book the First: A Mouse Is Born”* pp. 11 – 81 and

*“Book the Second: Chiaroscuro”* pp. 85 – 121.

At the end of each “**Book**”, think and write about three main events that occur in that section of the book on the lines below. Completed work is due the first week of school.

Main events are to be carefully chosen and written in complete sentences.

(If you run out of room, continue your work on filler paper.)

**There will be learning activities based on the first two parts  
of this book when you return to school.**

*“Book the First: A Mouse Is Born”* pp. 11 - 81

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***“Book the Second: Chiaroscuro”*** pp. 85 - 121

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**Some other titles by Kate DiCamillo you may enjoy include:**

*Raymie Nightingale* (2016)

*Flora and Ulysses* (2014 Newbery Gold Medal)

*The Magician’s Elephant* (2009)

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* (2006)

*Because of Winn Dixie* (2001 Newbery Honor Book)

*The Tiger Rising* (2001 National Book Award Finalist)