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Dear Mr. Hiroshi,

I am here to tell you about *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate Dicamillo. But first I am going to tell you how I am doing. I am enjoying school so far. But the weather is blazing hot. Now I will tell you about the book. The book is about a young mouse named Despereaux, an evil rat named Roscuro, and finally a girl named Migg. I also want to talk about the references of light and dark.

I love his quote! → For the whole book lightness is everywhere, it symbolizes books, music, and love. Despereaux was a mouse with small ears and was attracted to the light. He was a good mouse and unusual. He read books, loved the princess, and spoke to a human. He was also attracted to music. An example of this is, "The sound of the king's music made Despereaux's soul grow large and light inside of him" (27). When Despereaux had a trial they said he broke the rules for truth and love. When The Very Most Honored Mouse told Despereaux he could die with a black heart or redeem his actions, "Despereaux chose to die with a black heart" (49). He chose to die with a black heart because he thought what he did was right and he didn't follow rules that he thought were silly.

this is much better. For the whole book there is a lot of darkness. Darkness symbolizes rats, evil, and the dungeon. There was a rat named Roscuro. Roscuro liked the light at first just like Despereaux liked the light. One day he landed in the queen's soup and caused her to die. After that Roscuro hurried across the room and saw the look in the princess's eyes. Also the princesses eyes said "Go back into the dungeon where you belong" (113). This caused Roscuro to become evil and plot revenge on the princess. He said, "I will have something beautiful. And I will have revenge" (115).

Also I am going to tell you about a nice character named Mig, but she is not the sharpest knife in the drawer. Mig was with her mother when she died. Her father sold her when she was 6 years old to a very mean man. One day she saw the princess and the royal family pass by her and yelled out it is my birthday. When the king outlawed soup 6 years ago guards came to Mig's place and then took her to the castle to be a servant. Mig wanted to be a princess so bad and she met the princess again. Her new job was to deliver food down to the jailer. He told her to beware of rats but, Roscuro met the girl and tricked her to help him bring the princess to the darkness. In the end Mig was reunited with her father, and she forgave him even though she didn't become a princess.

I hope I get to meet you again Mr. Hiroshi. We might be able to see each other at a restaurant some time. I can't wait to tell you about the rest of *The Tale of Despereaux*.

From,

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Tale of Despereaux
Single Point Rubric - Criteria

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Total Points 59 /60

What needs work	What is required	What you did well
	Proper formatting for a friendly letter <u>10</u> /10 points	Date Heading Greeting Spacing Closing
	Five paragraphs - each with its own purpose <u>10</u> /10 points	Good job
	An explanation of what light and dark symbolize in the text <u>10</u> /10 points	Great job on #2 + 3. You did good fixing them up!
Just tell more of your thinking in #4.	Evidence from the text to support thinking <u>9</u> /10 points	Yes!
	Accurate quotes from the text to support thinking <u>10</u> /10 points	Great quotes
	Proper use of spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization <u>10</u> /10 points	Very few