**Don’t just say it,**

**ACE it!**

So what is ACE?

In short, ACE is an acronym that students use to structure oral or

written responses.

**A** = Answer

**C** = Cite the Evidence (with evidence terms )

**E** = Elaborate (This shows, this further illustrates)

**ACE** in Literary Response:

*How would you describe the character Despereaux, from Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo?*

**The novel The Tale of Desperaux by Kate DiCamillo follows the adventures of a mouse named Desperaux Tilling as he attempts to rescue a princess named Pea. (**Topic sentence with title, author and basic summary of plot).

**A:** Despereaux can be considered a brave character.

**C:** On pg. 56, the Mouse Council gives him a chance to avoid the dungeon if he renounces the princess, but he refuses to do so.

**E**: This shows he is brave because most people would succumb to peer pressure, but Despereaux follows his own heart and does what he thinks is right, despite the consequences.

RED = answer

BLUE = cite evidence

GREEN= elaborate/explain evidence