

Piper Morgan in Charge
Common Core Aligned Teacher Guide
Chapter by Chapter Questions

Chapter One

What are some good things about starting at a new school? What are some negatives?

Why do you think Piper wants to ride the bus?

Why do you think her mom doesn't want her to ride the bus?

What do you think is better – a job at the circus or at a school? Explain why.

Chapter Two

Why does Piper say, "Principal offices weren't good places to be unless your mom worked there? Then it was fun." What are some positives and negatives about principal offices?

Why do you think Lily tattles on Piper?

Chapter Three

In what ways did Piper not like Miss Nutter's class? In what ways did she like it?

Chapter Four

Why do you think Piper doesn't like her Mom's "very special lesson?"

Do you have "very special lessons" that your parents teach you?

Chapter Five

Why do you think Piper wants to be the best student in the school?

Would you want to be the best student in the school? Why or why not?

Miss Cindy tells Piper, “all helper bees are the best.” But Piper thinks, “Even though Miss Cindy thought principals didn’t have favorites, I knew they did.” Who do you believe? Miss Cindy or Piper? Why?

Why do you think Lily ate Nanna’s chocolate chip cookies?

Chapter Six

Do you believe Lily about the missing bowl? Why or why not?

Chapter Seven

What do you think happened to the cookies? Make a prediction.

Piper’s mom says, “Why don’t you two go find Nana’s cookie bowl...If you work together *without fighting*, I’ll talk to Mr. Steadman about letting you be helper bees. But you have to work together.” Do you think this is possible? Can Lily and Piper work together?

Chapter Eight

How do Piper’s feelings about Lily change in this chapter? What causes them to change?

Piper thinks, “But winning wasn’t everything. Sometimes being a good person was more important.” What does she mean by this? Can you think of a time when you believed this?

“Lily didn’t want to be my friend. Lily just wanted to beat me.” Do you think this is true? Why or why not?

Predict what you think will happen next in the book.

Chapter Nine

Why do you think Nanna wants Piper and her mom to stay?

Why do you think Piper's mom decides to stay until Mr. Steadman doesn't need them?

Mom says they can stay if Piper starts, "acting like a nice young lady." Do you believe she can? Why or why not?

Chapter Ten

What do you think is inside Lily's drawing?

Piper wants Mr. Steadman to, "make Lily stop being mean...once and forever." Do you think that will happen? Why or why not?

Chapter Eleven

How was Piper mistaken about Lily's drawing?

Do you think Lily and Piper will be able to be nice to each other? Why or why not?

Chapter Twelve

Piper showed maturity by saying, "I'm sorry." What are other ways you can show maturity?

Piper's mom said you should be a tattletale unless it was to keep someone from getting hurt. Can you tell a story about a time when you were a tattletale in a good way or bad way?

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Whole Book Questions

Summarize what happens when Piper starts at her new school.

What are some of the reasons why Piper felt it was so important to be the best helper bee?

How did wanting to be the best helper bee cause problems in the book?

Piper wants to be the very best helper bee that she can. Everyone can be a helper bee. Come up with ways that you be a helper bee.

Do you think Piper was a good helper bee? Explain your view using specific examples from the book.

Write a story using details about a time you tried to help someone. How did it end? Were you able to help them?

Piper wonders, “What if your dad was principal? I don’t know if I would like that.” What are some pros and cons to your parent being principal?

Piper says, “My mom was disappointed in me. Disappointed was worse than anything.” What are some of the things she did in the book to make her mom disappointed?

Write a story using details about a time when you disappointed someone.

The book is called *Piper Morgan in Charge*. Where do we see Piper in charge in this book? What happens when she’s in charge?

What words would you use to describe Piper in this book? Select three words and explain why you chose them.

Describe the setting of *Piper Morgan in Charge*. How is this setting important to this story?

How is Piper like you? How is she different from you? Is Piper someone you would want to be friends with? Why or why not?

Select three characters from the book and describe them. Pick three words for each character and explain why you chose each.

How has Piper’s relationship with Lily changed throughout the book?

How has Piper changed throughout the book? How is she the same?

Who are the secondary characters in the book? Identify a minimum of three and discuss why they are important to the story.

The title of the book is *Piper Morgan in Charge*. Come up with a new one and explain why you chose it using details from the book to show your view.

Predict! What do you think will happen at the next job for Piper and her mom?

This guide aligns with Common Core Standards ELA-Literacy.R2.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 and ELA-Literacy.W2.1 and 3.