

## **Report On Alan Barillaro's Piper**

Piper is the story of a baby sandpiper who is afraid of the water. **Piper** starts with a gorgeous shot of sandpipers digging clams out of the sand before the waves reach the shore and then running away. The protagonist initially expects to be fed by her mum, presumably as she has always been, but mum prompts her to try for herself. She at first has success but then the waves crash to shore and drench the poor little bird, starting her fear of the water.



The incident leaves Piper terrified of water and she refuses to leave the nest. Soon, she is compelled to return to the shoreline by her hunger and notices a hermit crab digging in the sand. While she is watching the crab, a large wave comes in and submerges her. However, this time the crab tells Piper to open her eyes, allowing her to see large bivalves exposed by the wave.

Excited, Piper overcomes her fear of water and learns how to catch the large bivalves when they are exposed underwater, catching enough to feed her entire flock.

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An adorable little piper learns how to forage for food and has to overcome its fears in the process. This short teaches the importance of perseverance and how sometimes you just have to be a little creative with the solutions to life's problems.