

Lilly's Plastic Purple Purse - Character Descriptions

Lilly: A young, exuberant mouse who “loves everything!” She is constantly armed with an arsenal of disguises, just in case. She’s not perfect, though. She becomes jealous of her baby brother and does a mean thing to her teacher, which she regrets. In the end, she learns that making mistakes is all a part of growing up.

Wilson: One of a pair of best friends (with Chester). Chester and Wilson have their own way of doing things, and they do everything together. For example, when they cut their sandwiches, it is always diagonally. Early in the play they realize that adding Lilly as their friend can make them see the world in a new way. Wilson is ever so slightly the first of them to accept Lilly as a friend.

Chester: Lilly & Wilson’s other Best Friend (see Wilson, above). Chester is described by the author as “reliable”.

Mr. Slinger: The New Teacher at School. He’s “hip” - says “Howdy” instead of Hello, wears “Artistic Shirts” and thinks semi-circles are much more fun than having students sit in rows.

Father: Lilly’s kind and indulgent father. And he bakes great “no-frills cheese balls”.

Mother: Lilly’s kind mother, who becomes very busy when the new baby comes.

Garland: Lilly’s snooty cousin. Garland won the Beautiful Baby Mouse contest when she was young, and makes sure everyone knows how beautiful and special she is.

Grammy: Lilly’s grandmother who buys her a purple purse after her little brother is born.