A Seed Is Sleepy

Read Along

Vocabulary:
(discuss before reading)
• secretive
• pod
• ancient
• photosynthesis

Questions:

Before Reading
Browse through the book by looking at the pictures and reading some of the words before these questions.

- What seeds do you recognize?
- What do you think the author means when she says, “A seed is sleepy?”

During Reading
- (secretive page) How is a seed sleepy? Why does the author say that seeds are secretive?
- (fruitful page) A fruit has seeds in it. What are some fruits that you like to eat?
- (adventurous page) What do seeds do that make them adventurous?
- (inventive page) What are some interesting ways that seeds travel
from their plant to a new place? (clever page) People are thirsty and hungry too. Compare how a person gets food and water to how a plant gets food and water.

**After Reading**
- What are some ways you are similar to a seed? Different?

**Activities:**
- Germinate a bean seed. Any dried bean from your kitchen will work. Soak a few bean seeds overnight. Place a moist napkin or paper towel in a plastic bag or a lidded jar along with the seed. Place the jar or bag in a sunny window and wait. Once the seed germinates, compare it to the diagrams in this book. Name the parts you see.

- Use the [Seed Dispersal Cards](#) to play a matching game. Set up the [Dispersal Chart](#). Place each seed onto a section of the chart and explain why you think that seed belongs in that section.

**Vocabulary Definitions**
- secretive: in a secret way
- pod: seedcase
- ancient: very very old
- photosynthesis: the process by which a plant uses the sun, water, and carbon dioxide into its own food