A Seed Is Sleepy

Read Along

Vocabulary:

(discuss before reading)

- •secretive
- •pod
- ancient
- photosynthesis



Before Reading

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

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-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 <u>Seed Dispersal Cards</u> to play a matching game. Set up the <u>Dispersal Chart</u>. 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