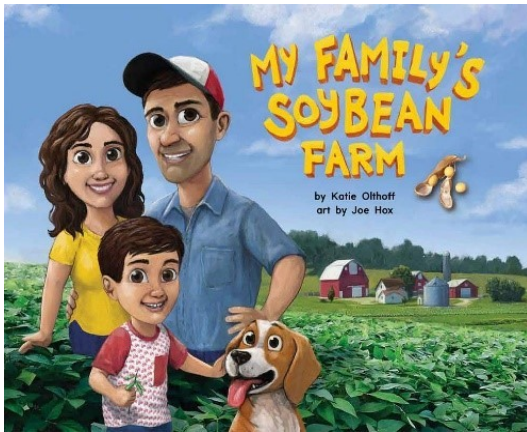


Ag Literacy Week Activities ...

- Use the educational activity that you received along with your book to share with the students. You can do the activity along with the students or leave it with them to do at a later time.
- Have your teachers check out our website for resources including math, science, reading and writing based curriculum to go along with what they learned in the book.
- Have your teacher register his/her classroom for our virtual reading and farm tour on Friday, March 18, 2022 www.pfb.com/agliteracy

2022 Book of the Year



The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation's 2022 Ag Literacy Week book of the year, "My Family's Soybean Farm" details the day to day activities of a farming family through the eyes of young Alexander who lives on his family's farm. Throughout the book, readers will learn about how plants grow, the nutrients they need to grow and how they are harvested. The book highlights how farmers care for their land and how farming practices

have changed over the years using modern technology. "My Family's Soybean Farm" showcases the importance of agriculture in our daily lives.

Share the Story of Agriculture

along with us



March 14-18, 2022

Thank you...

For seeing the need for agricultural education and joining with us to take agriculture into the classrooms. Whether you are reading in person or virtually, you will be able to make an impact during Ag Literacy Week by sharing the story of agriculture as well as your personal connection to agriculture. Through your participation, you just might be planting the first seed of knowledge about agriculture to the students!

Information to share with your classroom teacher...

Our website... www.pfb.com/agliteracy for educational resources and everything your teacher needs to teach and talk to their students about agriculture! Our educators have developed numerous activities to go along with the book. Classrooms can also register for our book reading and farm tour event on March 18, 2022. Registration is required via our website.

Our social media sites... where we will post all the great things happening during Ag Literacy Week. Photos are encouraged and be sure to tag us using #aglitweek2022

Facebook/Instagram @PAFriendsofAgriculture

Twitter @PafriendsofAg

The Next Steps



1. Reading options

- Schedule an in-person reading if your school permits visitors.
- Set up a Zoom session with the classroom teacher and read live to the students at a time you schedule with the teacher.
- Record yourself reading the book via a free Zoom account. Then send your recording to the classroom teacher to view with the students. The Foundation can provide you with directions on how to do a Zoom recording.
- Have your school join in to watch Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President, Rick Ebert, read *My Family's Soybean Farm* on Friday, March 18, 2022 (time to be determined). The reading will be followed by a Zoom session (registration required) where students will get to take a trip to a soybean farm!

2. Communicate with your classroom teacher

- Once you have selected an option for reading the book, you will need to contact the classroom teacher to arrange a day and time for either the in-person reading or the alternative Zoom option. If you are reading via Zoom, request the teacher's preferred contact information for the Zoom invite that you will later send to them.
- Determine if you would like to do the provided educational activity with the students after you have read the book. If you plan to do the activity, it would be a good idea to notify the classroom teacher that you will be doing a short activity with them after you read the book. Each student will need crayons or markers for the activity.
- If you decide not to do the activity with the students, feel free to share your experiences about agriculture to the students after you have read the book and let them ask you questions too.
- Prior to your visit, let your teacher know that the Ag Literacy Week website has numerous resources and activities to go along with the book. Our activities are a great way for them to incorporate agriculture into their lesson plans for Ag Literacy Week. The website is www.pfb.com/agliteracy.

3. Get ready to read

- Review *My Family's Soybean Farm* and be sure to add your name to the bookplate as the donor of the book to the classroom.
- Contact the classroom teacher **one week** prior to your visit—confirming the day and time you previously arranged with them. If you are reading through Zoom, be sure to send your classroom teacher the link a week ahead of time.

In-Person Visit :

- Report to the school office and arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow time to sign in and get to the classroom. Be prepared to have the teacher's name, and a photo ID to get into the school.
- When in classroom, introduce yourself and tell them about your connection to agriculture. After reading and doing the activity, if you chose to, be sure to leave the book and educators guide with the teacher.

Zoom Reading:

- Set up your free Zoom account and send the link to your teacher. For instructions on setting up a Zoom account visit our website at www.pfb.com/agliteracy and click on the **Volunteer Info tab**.
- Make arrangements to get the book and educator's guide to the classroom teacher after you have read the book.

Remind classroom teachers to sign up for the Soybean Farm tour on Friday March 18, 2022. They will need to register on our website at www.pfb.com/agliteracy and select the visit the Soybean Farm tab.