

Fatima's Sunflower



By Heather Ferguson
Illustrated by Meghan Shea



Fatima can see a big lot from her steps.
The lot has rocks and soil.



The lot has a path.
At the end of the path is a shop.



Mom and Fatima go to the shop.
Bev at the shop tells them what to get.



Fatima picks a pack of sunflower seeds.
Bev puts the seeds in a bag.



When they get back to the lot, Fatima and Mom get set to dig.
“This will be fun!”



Fatima and Mom dig up the soil and put the seeds in the soil.
Fatima adds egg shells and then gets the seeds wet.



“When will my sunflower grow?”

“Not yet!”

Fatima checks for a stem.



“The seeds did not do the job! Can we tell Bev at the shop?”



Fatima and Mom go back to the shop.
Bev tells Fatima not to be sad.



Fatima checks the lot. She checks it a lot!





“Mom! My sunflower!”
Mom and Fatima hug.
“Let’s tell Bev at the shop!”

About the Author



Heather Ferguson

Heather Ferguson has been in education for 15 years and is currently teaching first grade at the Paul A Dever Elementary School in Dorchester. Although she grew up in New York City, she is proud to call Boston home and enjoys introducing her students to books that showcase the wonderful diversity found in our city.

About the Illustrator



Meghan Shea

Dear Readers and Artists,

My name is Meghan Shea, although many of my friends in Boston Public Schools will know me better as Ms. Shea. I teach students at the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School in East Boston, where I get to speak the Spanish I learned growing up with my Peruvian mother every day!

A few years ago, I taught first graders at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Jamaica Plain. However, the first time I saw Jamaica Pond was when I was learning how to be a teacher in Ms. Nason's class at the Curley Elementary School many years ago. Since then, my students and I visit the pond every year.

I really like to watch birds (like ducks), go for walks, and learn new things like how to play guitar. I've always enjoyed drawing and I really like to use computer programs to make my illustrations look the way I want. What do you like to do?

Sincerely,
Meghan Shea

Teacher Guide: FK2 Unit 4 Week 7, *Fatima's Sunflower*

Decodability	95%
Letter-sound focus	CVC, digraphs, suffix s
Foundations Alignment	Level K, Unit 5 Week 4
Trick Words and other High Frequency Words	by, my, what, from
Vocabulary and Challenge Words	sunflower, seeds, soil, grow
Topic Connection	Planting and Caring for the Earth