



# FLORIDA Agriculture IN THE CLASSROOM

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## **FLORIDA AGRICULTURE LITERACY DAY PROGRAM KICKS OFF IN OCTOBER**

**GAINESVILLE** - The mission of Florida Agriculture in the Classroom is to increase agriculture literacy through PreK-12 education in Florida. The Florida Agriculture Literacy Day Program completely encompasses the mission and allows teachers to begin the school year promoting agriculture in the classroom. The 2019-2020 Florida Agriculture Literacy Day book titled *Forever There's a Forest!* celebrates our state's extensive forestry industry.

The Florida Agriculture Literacy Day Program kick-off event will be held at Tall Timbers in Leon County on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Florida Agriculture in the Classroom is partnering with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forestry Association, Florida Forest Service and Tall Timbers to host 100 third grade students from Sealely Elementary School. The students will be greeted by Smokey the Bear and then rotate through stations where they will learn about the Florida forestry industry, the products that come from our trees, the animals that live in our forests and more.

Florida Agriculture Literacy Day can happen in any classroom on any day of the school year! Teachers are welcome to invite professionals from the agriculture industry into their classroom to share their story and enhance the overall experience. The book *Forever There's a Forest!* will be available all school year long for teachers and volunteers to order for free. Companion resources and a flipbook version of the book are also available online. For more information or to order this year's Agriculture Literacy Day book, please visit [www.AgTag.org/ag-literacy-day/](http://www.AgTag.org/ag-literacy-day/).

Educating youth about agriculture and where our food, fiber and natural resources comes from is an important goal of Florida Agriculture in the Classroom and is achieved through the Florida Agriculture Literacy Day Program. If you would like to host a kick-off event in your county please contact Florida Agriculture in the classroom and we will help you make that happen!

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