

*Hello!* My name is Josh, and my family has a food truck! 12  
 We sell great tasting lunches to customers from our truck. My little sister, 25  
 Jocelyn, and I help our parents. We work in our garden to grow many of the 41  
 foods we need for ingredients. We also help order the foods we don't grow. 55  
 Jocelyn and I go to school during the day. We help when there is no school 71  
 and on the weekends. It's hard work but we all love it. 83

Do you have a favorite meal? Jocelyn and I have different favorites. We couldn't 97  
 make any of them without local farmers and animals like chickens, cows and pigs. 111  
 Maybe the most important helpers of all are . . . bees! That's right! Bees pollinate 124  
 clover for cows to eat—you will learn what the word pollinate means later! Then 139  
 the cows give us milk and meat. Bees also help plants grow fruits like berries, 154  
 cherries, apples, peaches, pears, plums and watermelons. We use fruit in the 166  
 smoothies and salsas we make in our food truck. All our lunches include vegetables. 180  
 We grow many of our own vegetables from seeds. Bees pollinate our vegetable 193  
 plants. The vegetable we use the most is onions. Guess what? Without bees to 207  
 pollinate onion flowers, we wouldn't have seeds to grow onions. 217

We have a lot of customers, so we make a lot of food. Do you like math? 234  
 It's my favorite subject in school, but sometimes I need help. We often have to double or triple 252  
 the ingredients in our recipes! My family asks me to figure out the right amounts to practice 269  
 my math. Sometimes we run out of an ingredient. When that happens, I have 283  
 to figure out how much of a different ingredient to use. This book has the 298  
 eight most popular recipes we use for our food truck. I hope 310  
 you can help me with some math for each recipe! 320



Leafcutter bee

Clarkia (Oregon native)

Honey bee



In reading this year, we are building our fluency with Mr. Traylor! We read the same passage each day for a week with a partner. Try reading my passage above out loud and track how many words you can read correctly in a minute. Find a partner if you can. The numbers at the end of the lines are a guide to how many words you read. See if you can improve your score in five days!

### Fluency Tracker

Day 1 \_\_\_\_\_, Day 2 \_\_\_\_\_, Day 3 \_\_\_\_\_, Day 4 \_\_\_\_\_, Day 5 \_\_\_\_\_

what do you want to know about bees and how they help make our food?

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