

A sunset over a field of tall grasses with a line of trees in the distance. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The grasses in the foreground are tall and green, with some yellowing at the tips. The trees in the distance are silhouetted against the bright sky.

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**Illinois Ag in the Classroom
After School Book Club**

Overview of the Program

- **Kit Supplies**
- **Promotion to Students (how far in advance)**
- **Weekly Lessons**
 - **Reading focus first two weeks**
 - **Wheat activities begin on week 3**

How to Read with Students

Options for reading:

- Teacher Read Aloud
- Partner Read
 - Alternate pages
- Read to Self

Close Reading – helping students develop deeper comprehension using an open-ended line of questioning.

➤ To promote deep discussions:

- know your material
- have questions prepared ahead of time
- allow for deviation from prepared questions.

Let's Practice

- What has the author told us so far? (pg. 3)
- Were there any hard words?
- Read Page 4-11 independently. Stop at the end of the italics on pg. 11????
- What new information have we learned?
- What are some character traits you have noticed?
- Partner read the rest of chapter 1. (make partner read longer and independent shorter)
- What do you think are the most important details from this part? Why?
- Who is telling the story?

Week 2: Math Activity

- Chapter 4 pages 36-40
- Work with a partner to solve the math problems using the information to the right.
- 1 M&M = 300 Bushels of Wheat
- A combine can go 5 miles per hour
- A combine harvests 600 bushels of wheat in an hour

Week 3: Planting Activity



Week 4: Threshing

- Hand thresh the wheat head on the plate
- Dump your load
- Visualization of combine process



“Dumping Your Load”



Highlights of the Program

Picnic with our Bread!



Fieldtrip Day

