

# Parents Participate

This page was designed and intended to help parents instill a greater love of reading into their child, while at the same time, being actively involved with what their child is learning.

## Kailey's Ag Adventures

Today your child enjoyed the book, *Celebrate Wheat*, written by Dan Yunk, former Executive Director– CEO of Kansas Farm Bureau.

*Celebrate Wheat* is the fourth book in a series about a city girl named Kailey who learns many fascinating things about agriculture. In this book, Kailey is having a pizza party and wonders where their pizza crust comes from. Her grandma tells her the story of how wheat is planted, harvested, and eventually ends up in many yummy foods.

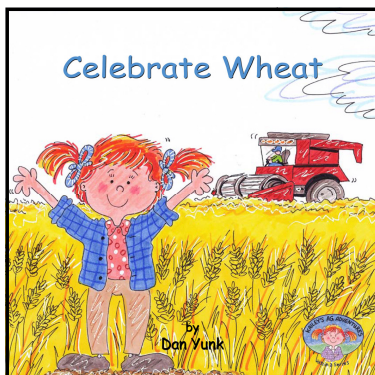


### Benefits of Reading With Your Child

- It strengthens the bond between the parent and child.
- Pre-school children who are exposed to reading tend to do well in school.
- It promotes a longer attention span, which is an important skill to help with concentration.
- It builds listening skills and imagination.

### Tips for Parents

- Let your child see you read books, and let them know that reading is a fun part of life.
- Make it interesting! When you read to them, add variety and “life” to your voice.
- Choose books that your child is most interested in.
- Run your finger under the print as you read, and take time to answer your child’s questions or remarks.



## Check out all of the Kailey Ag Adventure Books!

*Milk Comes From a Cow?*  
*The Soil Neighborhood*  
*Farmers and Ranchers Care about their Animals!*  
*Celebrate Wheat*  
*Growing Up Strong*  
*Kailey's Pig 'Tales'*

Visit [www.kfb.org/educationoutreach](http://www.kfb.org/educationoutreach) for activities and lesson plans for each book.

# Making Wheat Paste

**Wheat paste has been used for hundreds of years as a type of adhesive made from a combination of vegetable starch and water. This paste is used by street artists, crafts people, home decorators and as an alternative to wallpaper and poster glue. It is also a**

## Things you'll need

-Bowl -Mixing spoon -Saucepan -Water -Powdered alum  
-Flour (not self-rising) -Sugar -Carrying container -Oil of Cinnamon

## Directions:

- Gather the following ingredients to make classroom paste: 1 cup wheat flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup cold water, 4 cups boiling water, 1 tablespoon powdered alum (in the spice section), ½ teaspoon oil of cinnamon.
- Combine the flour and sugar in a large pot. Slowly stir in the cold water to form a paste.
- Slowly add the boiling water and stir vigorously to break up any lumps.
- Bring the mixture to a boil and stir constantly until it is thick and clear.
- Remove from heat and add the alum. Stir until well mixed.
- Add the oil of cinnamon to preserve the paste and make it last longer. If you are using the paste immediately, you do not need to add the oil of cinnamon.
- Store in a tightly closed jar. Do not refrigerate. The paste will keep for several weeks. If it gets too thick you can thin with a bit of hot water.

## Warnings:

- Watch the mixture while it boils and if it foams up, don't turn it off, just keep stirring.
- Make sure you stir well to prevent it from getting chunks.
- Be careful around the boiling water to avoid painful burns.

Video Link: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9uwaGg\\_7NI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9uwaGg_7NI)

