



# The Booklist Project



Focus: Themed Wordless Picture Book List

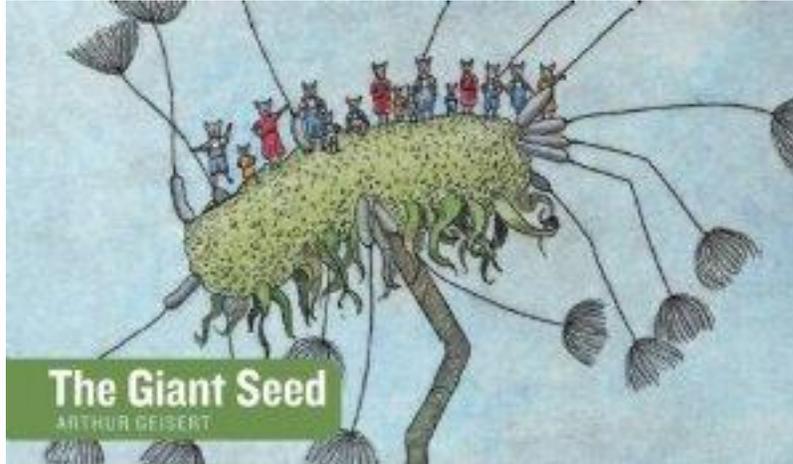
Farming

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### 1. The Giant Seed



Geisert, Arthur, (2012), *The Giant Seed*. Enchanted Lion Books, New York.

ISBN: 978-159270-115-5

This book is about a colony of pigs that need to come up with an idea to flee their island from an erupting volcano. The pigs plant a mysterious giant seed hoping it could give them an escape. The seed grows into a giant dandelion, and when it dies and the seeds become apparent, the pigs use them to float through the air to safety. This is a great book for ELLs because it depicts leaving the home you know and starting a new home somewhere different.

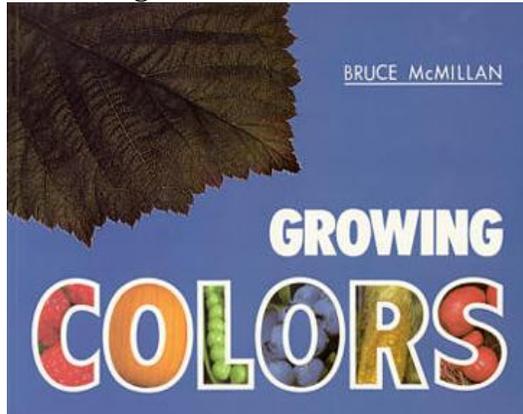
Reading Level: K-3  
WIDA Level: Entering

Resources:

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/lets-learn-about-plants-0>

<http://www.patriciamnewman.com/geisert.html> (Background Information)

## 2. Growing Colors



McMillan, Bruce (1988) *Growing Colors*, HarperCollins Publishers.

ISBN: 978-0-688-07844-7

This is a great book that simply links color words to different fruits and vegetables. It features photographs of each food, and what it looks like as it grows. The Photos are full page and are full color. There are some surprising fruits and vegetables featured in this book such as cantaloupe, brown peppers, and purple beans. English Language Learners would appreciate this book because of the simple one word text. This would be a great book to use to introduce ELLs to colors and connect the colors with pictures of foods they might see at the market or other places.

Reading Level: K-2

WIDA: Entering/Developing

Resources:

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/3168>

## 3. Pumpkins



Robbins, Ken (2006), *pumpkins*, Roaring Book Press, New Milford, Connecticut.

ISBN: 1-59643-184-9

This book follows the growth of a pumpkin from seed to plant to pumpkin ready to pick. It is full of Beautiful full-page photographs of the different growth stages of pumpkins. The book lends itself to lessons about patience and what it takes for pumpkins to grow. The pictures follow a sequence and the growing process in a way that would be easy for an ELL to comprehend.

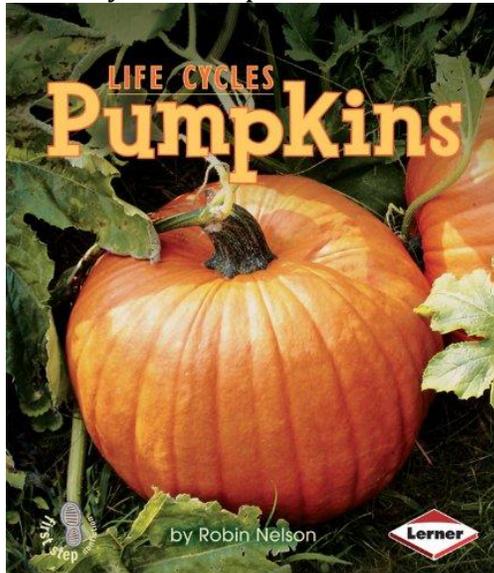
Reading Level: K-2  
WIDA: Developing/Emerging

Resources:

[http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/general\\_content/free\\_resources/teachers\\_corner/lesson\\_plans/pumpkinMeasurement.jsp](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/general_content/free_resources/teachers_corner/lesson_plans/pumpkinMeasurement.jsp)

[http://www.rif.org/documents/us/How-Many-Seeds-in-a-Pumpkin\\_A-RIF-Guide-for-Parents-and-Families.pdf](http://www.rif.org/documents/us/How-Many-Seeds-in-a-Pumpkin_A-RIF-Guide-for-Parents-and-Families.pdf)

#### 4. Life Cycles Pumpkins



Nelson, Robin (2008), *Life Cycles: Pumpkins*, Lerner Publications Company, Minneapolis.

ISBN: 978-0-7613-4073-7

This is a great nonfiction book for beginning readers. It features simple sentences, and photographs that show pumpkin seeds actually growing up through the soil. Students will gather a great deal of information through the pictures alone. This would be a great book for ELLs because of the simple sentences, and the sequential order it follows.

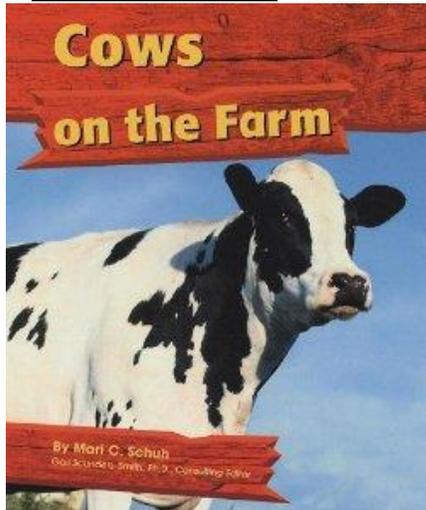
Reading Level: Lexile: 400L  
WIDA: entering/Developing

Resources:

<http://printables.atozteacherstuff.com/375/pumpkin-pumpkin-sequencing-activity/>

<http://exchange.smarttech.com/search.html?q=%20life%20cycle%20of%20a%20pumpkin>

#### 5. Cows on the Farm



Schuh, Mari C. (2001), *Cows on the Farm*, Pebble Books, Mantoka, Minnesota.

ISBN: 0-7368-0992-9

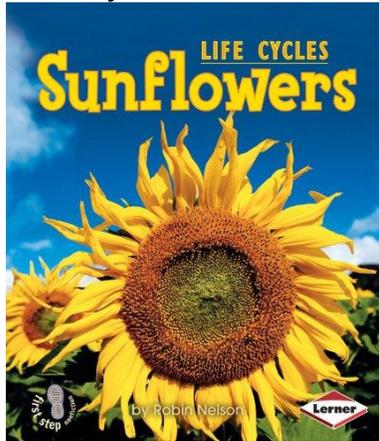
This nonfiction book demonstrates that there are many different types of farming including cow farms. It explains using short, simple sentences that cows are raised on farms for their milk and meat. There are photographs in this book that show the cows in all different places on the farm, and that show how farmers care for them. ELLs could connect to this book if they have ever seen cows or a farm.

Reading Level: K-1  
WIDA: Entering/Beginning

Resources:

<http://www.lessoncorner.com/Science/Zoology/Mammals/Cows?page=2>

## 6. Life Cycles: Sunflowers



Nelson, Robin (2008), *Life Cycles: Sunflowers*, Lerner Publications Company, Minneapolis.

ISBN: 978-0-7613-4072-0

This book features photographs of the different growth stages of sunflowers. There are simple sentences in this story of the life cycle of a sunflower. The photographs show close-up pictures of a sunflower seed sprouting. It demonstrates how plants need sun to grow, and how sometimes plants need water from people in order to grow. An ELL could enjoy this story because it follows an order to each stage of growth and the pictures alone could help the ELL to understand plant growth.

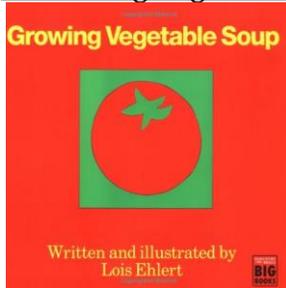
Reading Level: Lexile: 430L  
WIDA: Entering/Developing

Resources:

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/plants/lesson-plan/96.html>

[http://www.everythingsl.net/lessons/sunflowers\\_82804.php](http://www.everythingsl.net/lessons/sunflowers_82804.php)

## 7. Growing Vegetable Soup



Ehlert, Lois (1991), *Growing Vegetable Soup*, Harcourt Brace & Company, San Diego.

ISBN: 0-15-232575-1

This is an interesting story with simple sentences and very colorful two page pictures. The pictures seem to be different shapes cut out and placed on a background to form the different structures of a garden. This story follows a father and his child as they plant a garden full of different fruits and vegetables. It demonstrates really well the steps to take to help a garden grow. From the tools to use, to how to use the fully-grown vegetables, the author has covered it all. If an ELL has ever helped a family member in a garden then they would be able to easily connect with this story. This story is also offered in a Spanish/Bilingual version.

Reading level: PreK-1

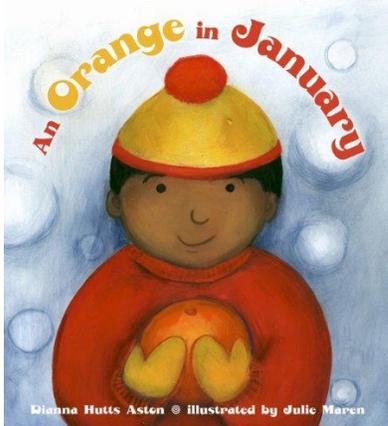
WIDA: Developing

Resources:

<http://www.brighthubeducation.com/lesson-plans-grades-1-2/47562-growing-vegetable-soup-activities/>

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/kids/lessonplans/vegsoup.shtm>

#### 8. An Orange in January



Ashton, Dianna Hutts (2007), *An Orange in January*, Dial Books.

ISBN: 978-0-8037-3146-2

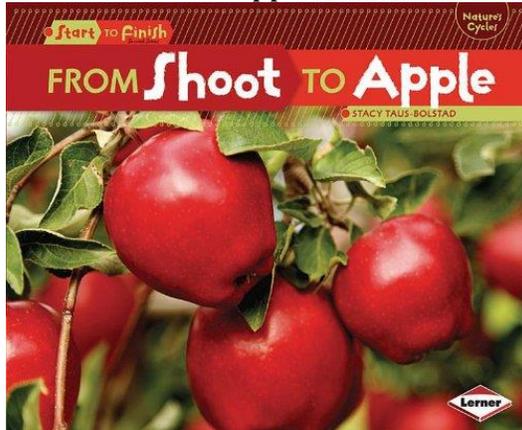
This story is written in lyrical form with short simple sentences. The story follows an orange from its growth to the shelves at the grocery store. The illustrations take up two pages, and provide a great deal of support for the text. It is a story that displays diversity in the people that help to grow the oranges and pick them. The illustrations are colorful and realistic, and display the process of growing and transporting an orange from a warm climate to somewhere colder where an orange wouldn't be able to grow. An ELL might connect with this book simply because it features diversity in its characters, and might feature people that resemble the ELL.

Reading Level: Prek-1  
WIDA: Developing/Emerging

Resources:

<http://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/fields-of-fresh-fruit-lesson-plan/>

### 9. From Shoot to Apple



Taus-Bolstad, Stacy (2012), *From Shoot to Apple*, Lerner Publications Company, Minneapolis.

ISBN: 978-0-7613-7734-4

This is a nonfiction book that follows the growth of an apple from bud to apple on a tree. Again this book has great photographs and simple sentences to explain each photo. One thing I found interesting was that this book features a simple two or three word sentence, and then has a more complex sentence underneath it. This is a great book for different level ELLs because it has both the simple sentences for those at a lower level, and then a more complex sentence for readers at a higher level.

Reading Level: Lexile: 280L  
WIDA: Developing/Emerging

Resources:

<http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/pages/1585.shtml>

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/look-life-cycles-lesson-plan>

## 10. Apple Harvest



Harris, Calvin (2008), *Apple Harvest*, Capstone Press, Mankato, Minnesota.

ISBN: 978-1-4296-0023-1

Here is a great book to use during the fall season. It explains how apples are grown on trees, and then picked at the perfect time. The pages in this book have full two-page photographs and simple sentences. It is a great book that displays the different foods that apples can be used for such as, pie, cider, and caramel Apples.

Reading Level: Lexile 380L  
WIDA: developing/Emerging

Resources:

<http://www.brighthubeducation.com/lesson-plans-grades-1-2/75732-the-apple-pie-tree-class-projects-to-go-with-an-apple-theme/>

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