Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

BOOKS TO SHARE

Auntie Yang’s Great Soybean Picnic
by Ginnie Lo

Piglet’s Picnic
by Jessica Souhami

Mouse’s First Summer
by Lauren Thompson

We’re Going On a Picnic!
by Pat Hutchins

Boo and Baa In the Woods
by Olof Landstrom

McDuff Saves the Day
by Rosemary Wells

Ants Everywhere!
by Robert Rosen

The ABC Animal Picnic
by Janina Rossiter

Let’s Have a Picnic!
by Hunter Reid

Teddy Picnic
by Georgie Birkett

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Going On A Picnic

Going on a picnic,
Gotta pack a lunch.
What should we bring to munch, munch, munch?

[Have child supply ideas about what to pack for your imaginary picnic; repeat verses as you go]

[Last Verse]
Ready for a picnic,
Ready with a lunch,
Now we’re ready to munch, munch, munch!

On A Picnic

[Verse: open the basket; eat the sandwich; drink the juice; run and play; pack it up; walk on home]
Five Hungry Ants [fingerplay]

Five hungry ants, marching in a line
They came upon a picnic, where they could dine
They marched into the salad
They marched into the cake
They marched into the pepper
Oh-uh! That was a mistake!
AAAAAAACCCCCCCCCHHHHOOOOOOO!

[repeat, counting down until there are no 'ants' left]

Ants Go Marching In

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to suck his thumb.
And they all go marching down,
To the ground, to get out, of the rain.
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

[Verses:
  two by two . . . tie her shoe . . .
  three by three . . . climb a tree . . .
  four by four . . . shut the door . . .]

Picnic Song
[Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb]

Summertime is picnic time, picnic time, picnic time.
Summertime is picnic time, time to have some fun.
We will eat our picnic lunch, picnic lunch, picnic lunch.
We will eat our picnic lunch, and play when we are done.

MORE FUN!

Fingerprint Ants

Supplies:
Black ink pad or black washable craft paint
White cardstock
Small google eyes
Marker
Glue
Scissors

Have your child press their thumb into the
ink pad (or into a small amount of craft paint
poured onto a paper plate).

Stamp three times in a row to create the ant
'body.' Allow time to dry.

Draw legs onto your ants and glue on (or
draw on) google eyes.

Cut out your 'ants' and let them run free on
your picnic! You can have fun counting
them, making up voices for the ants (high-
pitched squeakiness is a must!), and much
more!

On a cold or rainy day, have a picnic inside with
your child. Pack a picnic lunch into a small
basket or grocery bag, dress in special 'picnic
clothes' (summer hats, sunglasses, sandals),
and spread a blanket on the floor. Talk about
things you might see on an outdoor picnic: other
kids, insects, trees, etc.