

# Perry Public Library Storytime

## Goin' On A Picnic!



### **Stories we shared:**

It's the Bear!: by Jez Alborough

Ants at the picnic: by Michael Dahl

### **Other stories you may enjoy:**

Claude has a picnic: by Dick Gackenbach

Spot goes to the park: by Eric Hill

Up the steps and down the slide: by Jonathan Allen

Ernest and Celestine's picnic: by Gabrielle Vincent

Little Critter's The Picnic: by Mercer Mayer

The Four Getters and Arf: by Helen Lester

Picnic at Mudsock Meadow: by Patricia Polacco

Picnic: by Emily A. McCully

Up to ten and Down Again: by Lisa Ernst

Squeaks Good Idea : by Max Ellenberg

Dora's Picnic / Chirstine Ricci

We're Going on a Picnic : by Pat Hutchins

This is the bear and the picnic lunch: by Sarah Hayes

Maisy Goes to the playground: by Lucy Cousins

A tree is nice: by Janice Udry

The pig's picnic: by Keiko Kasza

Come to the meadow: by Anna G. Hines

Pig William: by Arlene Dubanevich

Sophie and Jack: by Judy Taylor

Teddy Bears Picnic Cookbook: by Abigail Darling

Mr. Bear's Picnic: by Debi Giori

Biscuit's Picnic: by Alyssa Capucilli

Berry Best Friends Picnic: by Jackie Glassman

Teddy Bear's Picnic: by Bruce Whatley

Teddy Bear's Picnic: by Jerry Garcia

### **Early Literacy Extras:**



- Talk about the word "Picnic," sounding out the different parts of the word, "pic-nic" – say them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster. Clap once for each syllable of the word. Do the same thing with "hotdog, hamburger, pickle"

- Help your child think of words that rhyme with "eat" like "neat, seat, treat, greet, feet" – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming "plate" and "bun" too!
- Help your child think of food words that start with the "P"- "puh" sound (pickles, pepper, plate, pizza, pasta, peanut butter, pineapple, pretzels, pepperoni, popcorn, pudding, plums, pancakes...)
- Help your child think of things you might see or do on a picnic (cook out, eat, table, grill) and things you should take with you to a picnic (blanket, basket, watermelon, sunscreen).
- Read a book about food together and practice saying the unfamiliar words (barbeque, watermelon, sandwich).
- Find plates, cups, and utensils and help your child to sort them into different groups – by shape, by color, by size, by use, etc.
- Have your child help you set the table for a meal. Point out the repeating pattern in how each place is set the same.
- Make a list of all of the alphabet letters – with your child, try to think of at least one thing for each letter that you might see or take on a picnic. (A- apples, B-buns, C-chips, ...)
- When eating watermelon, count how many seeds are in your slice – practice fractions when cutting a pie or a sandwich.
- The sense of rhythm obtained from listening to songs and rhymes will help your child to identify patterns, like rhyming words, which will help them learn to read. Because songs automatically break down words into smaller sounds through tones, singing with your child is one of the best ways develop early literacy skills. Try the songs and rhymes on the following pages.

## ***Songs and rhymes to share:***

**Goin on a Picnic** by Raffi

**Ants:** by Joe Scruggs

**Teddy Bears Picnic** by Rozenshontz or Jerry Garcia

### **A little hot dog**

*(do actions as rhyme indicates)*

I had a little hot dog  
I Popped it in a bun  
I added some relish  
Hot dogs are fun!  
I spread on some Ketchup  
And mustard like I should  
Then Popped it in my mouth  
and said MMMMM Good!

### **Five Fat Sausages**

Five fat sausages sizzling in a pan  
(or - five fat hot dogs)  
(wiggle fingers of one hand)  
When all of a sudden one went BAM!  
(clap hands once loudly)  
Four fat sausages... (continue to zero)  
Now there are no more sausages  
Sizzling in the pan  
*Alternate ending...*  
When all of a sudden one went... Wait! Wait!  
Put me in a bun and eat me!

### **Picnic Packing** *Sung to: "A Tisket-A Tasket"*

A-tisket, A-tasket,  
Let's pack a picnic basket.  
We'll fill it up with food to munch.  
What is in our picnic lunch? (name foods)

### **Summer Time is Picnic Time**

*Sung to: "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.  
*\* Repeat the song using the names of other foods*

### **Hotdogs**

Hotdogs for breakfast,  
Hotdogs for lunch.  
Hotdogs, Hotdogs, all in a bunch.  
You can eat them with mustard.  
You can eat them with cheese.  
You can eat them any way you please.  
Eat them from the grill.  
Eat them from the pot.  
Eat them cold, or eat them hot.  
Eat them standing up,  
Or down on your knees.  
Hotdogs, Hotdogs,  
Please! Please! Please!

### **The Ant Hill**

Here is the ant hill (make a fist with one hand)  
With no ants about  
And I say (cup hands to mouth)  
"Little ants won't you please come out"  
Out they come trooping  
In answer to my call  
1,2,3,4,5 (raise fingers of hand)  
And that's all!

### **Picnic in the park**

We packed sandwiches cookies and juice (pretend to pack)  
And went for a walk to the park (walk fingers)  
We found a tree with lots of shade (raise arms overhead)  
And spread our blanket beneath (spread blanket)  
But what do you think happened? (shrug shoulders)  
When we started to eat our food (pretend to eat)  
One squirrel scampered over (hold up & wiggle one finger)  
Two birds hopped close by (2 fingers hopping)  
And hundreds of ants marched up to us (wiggle all fingers)  
All to share our food! (pretend to pass out food)

### **Ants at the Picnic** *Sung to: "Skip to My Lou"*

Ants at the picnic, what'll I do? (sing 3x)  
Guess I'll eat real quickly!

### **Ants**

1 ant, 2 ants, 3 and 4,  
Our picnic is their grocery store.  
5 ants, 6 ants, 7 ants, 8,  
They are crawling on my plate!  
8 ants, 7 ants, stomp around.  
6 ants, 5 ants, on the ground.  
4 ants, 3 ants, on the run.  
2 ants, 1 ant, no more fun!

### **The Ant Hill**

Once I saw an ant hill  
(hold hands over head with fingers locked together)  
With no ants about. (shake head)  
So I said, "Dear little ants, (speak to hands)  
Won't you please come out?"  
Then as if the ants  
Had heard my call, (hold hands to ear)  
One, two, three, four, five came out, (hold fingers up one at a time)  
And that was all! (hold out open hands to sides)

# Picnic Games

## PICNIC BASKETS

Make a "picnic basket" for your child by folding a piece of brown construction paper in half. With the fold forming the bottom of the basket, tape yarn handles onto the open edges at the top. Have your child open the basket and glue on magazine pictures of foods to take on a picnic.

## PLAY DOUGH PICNICS

Let your child use the dough to make picnic foods. Arrange the foods on a paper plate to display on a paper tablecloth.

## PICNIC PLACES

Put paper plates, cups, and napkins along with plastic forks and spoons in a picnic basket. Lay out a blanket on the floor and arrange several stuffed-animal "picnic guests" around it. Ask your child to tell how many plates you will need to take out of the basket for the guests. Have them check their answer by putting a plate in front of each animal. Did they take out too many plates? Too few? Just the right number? Continue in the same manner using the remaining items in the picnic basket.

## WHAT'S IN THE PICNIC BASKET?

Invite your children to watch as you place picnic items, such as a paper plate, a paper cup, a napkin, a fork, a juice box, an orange, and a small bag of chips, into a picnic basket. Then let them take turns closing their eyes, reaching into the basket, and trying to identify the items using their sense of touch.

## RACCOON ROBBER

Sit with your child around a blanket, and set out pictures of picnic foods that have been glued onto small paper plates. Ask your child to close their eyes while you take away one of the plates of food and hide it. When the child opens his or her eyes, invite them to guess which food is missing. Then let your child be the "robber" and have you guess what is missing.

## OUR OWN PICNIC

Let your children help plan a picnic menu and pack the chosen foods in a picnic basket or individual lunch bags. Then take the children to a park or other outdoor area for their picnic. Or spread out a blanket on the floor and enjoy your picnic indoors.

## GOING ON A PICNIC

Have your child find something you would take on a picnic such as plastic food, napkin, plate, cup, blanket. Put a big picnic basket in the middle of the floor. Sing the following song as your child puts each item in the basket. "Going On A Picnic" by Raffi:

*"Going on a picnic.*

*Leaving right away.*

*If it doesn't rain we'll stay all day.*

*Did you bring the \_\_\_\_\_? (name a item a child has)*

*Yes, I brought the \_\_\_\_\_. (have child with item sing above verse)*

*Here we go!"*

## PICNIC SORTING

This is a sorting game. Have a picnic basket and a plastic tub in the center of the floor. In a shopping bag, have a group of assorted items, some that belong in a picnic basket and some that do not belong in a picnic basket. Have your child sort the items by putting them into the picnic basket if they belong there or putting them in the tub if it is not a picnic item. Some items you could provide might include: paper plate, mustard, toy food, a paintbrush, a block, a calendar.

## EDIBLE ANTHILLS

Give your child a Ziploc bag with a few graham crackers in it. Have your child crush the cracker (*make sure the bag is sealed tightly*). When the cracker resembles dirt, add chocolate chips and raisins for the ants. Enjoy!

## ANTS ON A LOG

Spread cream cheese or peanut butter on pretzel rods or celery. Stick raisins, black olive pieces, or chocolate chips on top.

## MEMORY GAME

Fill a picnic basket with a few items. Let your child look at it for a minute or two. Then, while your child is not looking, take out one item. Then ask your child to see if he or she can tell you which item was taken out.

## EGG CARTON ANT

Cut off 3 attached "cups" of a cardboard egg carton to represent the ants 3 body parts - head, abdomen, thorax.. Paint the carton black (or you could use dark brown or dark reddish brown) and then add black pipe cleaners for antennae and wiggly eyes.