Read **Pignic** by Matt Phelan. This story is about a family of pigs who experience adversity but in the end enjoy a perfect summer day.

Make a list of words that children know which start with the letter P. This reinforces the letter/sound association which will help children sound out words when they learn to read.

Talk about what makes a perfect picnic before you read the story to get children engaged in the story.

**Picnic Time Rhyme**

**Going on a picnic, gotta pack a lunch.**

**What should we bring to munch, munch, munch?**

Gather items for a pretend picnic.

Invite some friends or stuffed animals to your picnic.

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**Explore Early Literacy Practices:** Read, write, talk, sing and play with children every day! When you engage in these practices regularly, you help young children develop essential early literacy skills that prepare them for reading and learning.

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