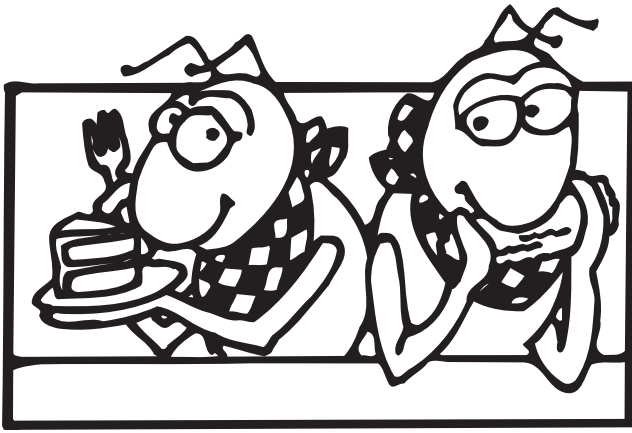


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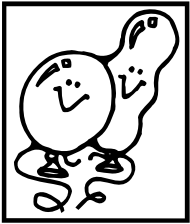


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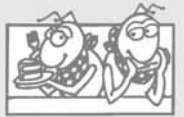


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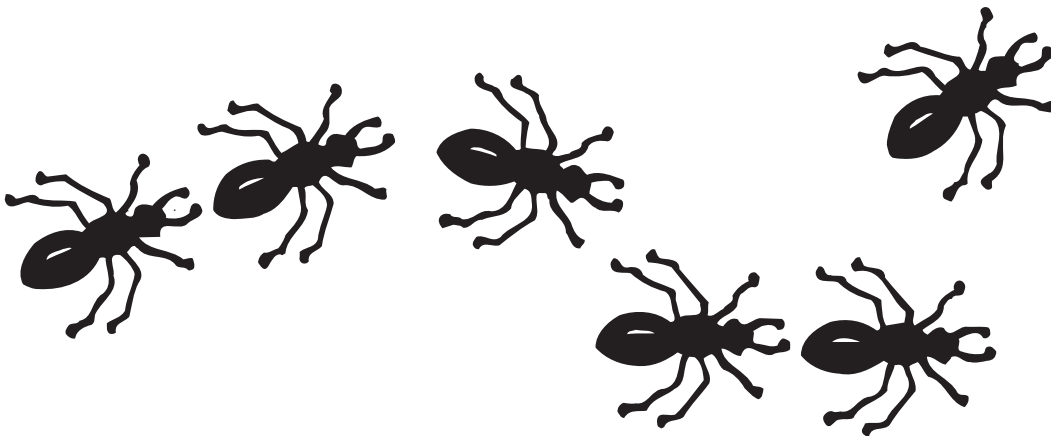


Setting the Stage

- Display a red-and-white checked picnic tablecloth as a background for this bulletin board idea. Students can draw ants for a border. They can write favorite summer activities (on paper plates) to display against the tablecloth backdrop with the caption: "Summer Can Be a Real Picnic!"
- Purchase tiny plastic black ants at a novelty store and place them on the floor leading into your classroom. You may prefer to copy ants on page 12, cut them out and tape them on the floor and on objects with clear tape.



Picnic Day



Picnic Day

- Display a picnic basket surrounded by literature about picnics.
- Construct a semantic web with words your students think of when you say the word *picnic*.



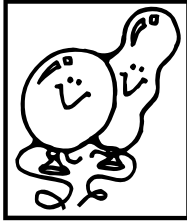
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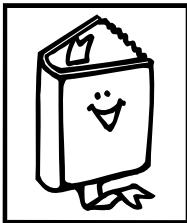
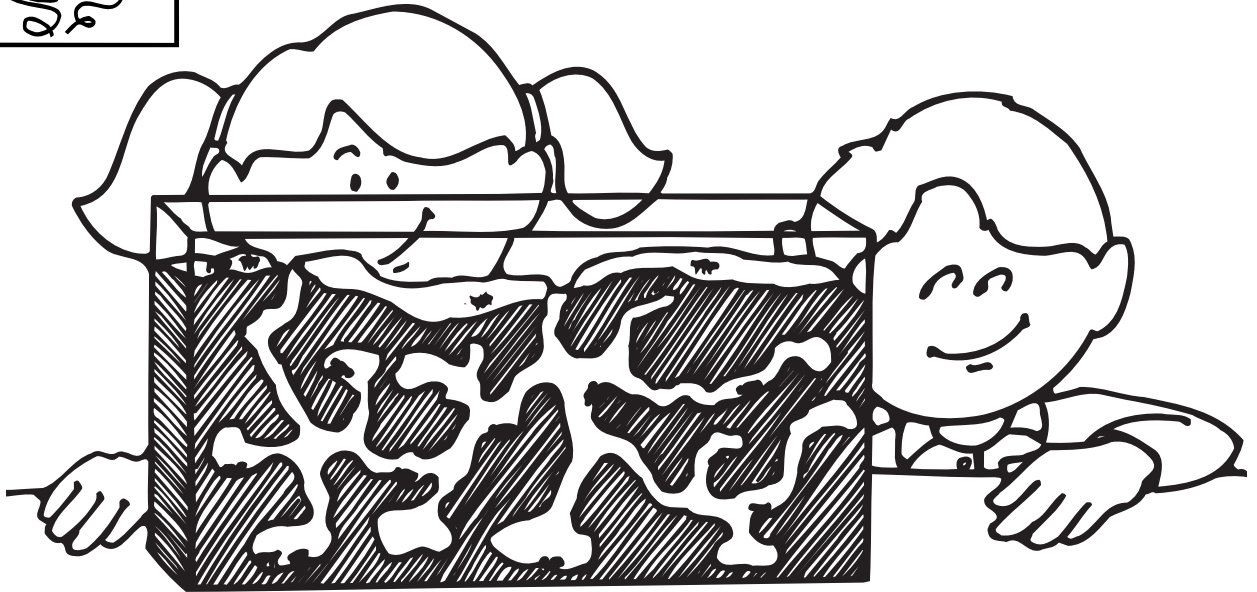


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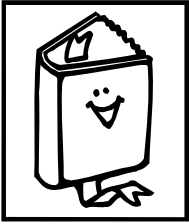
Setting the Stage continued

- Invite anyone who has an ant colony to bring it to school so your class can observe the ants in action.



Literary Exploration

- Aardvark's Picnic* by Jon Higham
- Ant* by David Hawcock
- Antics* by Cathi Hepworth
- Ants Are Fun* by Mildred Myrick
- The Bear's Picnic* by Stan Berenstain
- The Bear's Water Picnic* by John Yeoman
- Before the Picnic* by Yoriko Tsutsui
- A Change of Plans* by Alan Benjamin
- Claude Has a Picnic* by Dick Gackenback
- Ernest and Celestine's Picnic* by Gabrielle Vincent
- Grandmother Lucy Goes on a Picnic* by Joyce Wood
- The Greatest Picnic in the World* by Anna Grossnickle Hines
- Having a Picnic* by Sarah Garland
- Helen the Hungry Bear* by Marilyn MacGregor
- How Do Ants Know When You're Having a Picnic?* by Joanne Settel
- July* by James Stevenson
- Little Bunny's Picnic* by Michelle Cartlidge
- Marmalade's Picnic* by Lindy Wheeler
- Mr. Bear's Picnic* by Debi Gliori
- Nicky's Picnic* by Harriet Ziefert
- On a Picnic* by Judy Delton
- Once We Went on a Picnic* by Aileen Fisher
- Picnic* by Emily Arnold McCully
- The Picnic* by Ruth Brown



Literary Exploration continued

The Picnic by Kady Denton

A Picnic Hurrah! by Franz Brandenburg

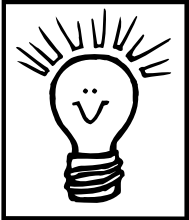
Picnic Pandemonium by M. Christina Butler

Picnic with Piggins by Jane Yolen

The Rattlebang Picnic by Margaret Mahy

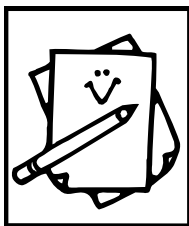
A Ripping Day for a Picnic by Keith Duquette

Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg



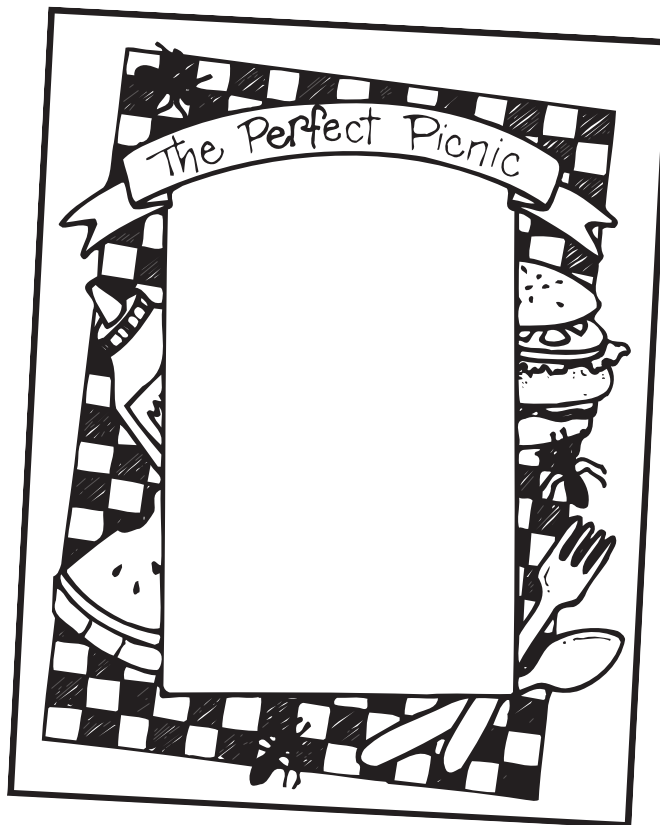
Language Experience

- Let your students brainstorm words they can think of with the word *ant* in them (*anticipate, plant, slant, participant, etc.*).



Writing Experience

- Let students write recipes for perfect picnic lunches. See reproducible on page 13.



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