Making Small Moments Big!

When you talk, read and sing with children, you're helping them build their brains and develop important language, math, reading and social skills. Use these cards every day to help your child learn through their play.

If you have questions about your child’s growth or want to talk with someone about parenting, please call 2-1-1 and ask for Help Me Grow. For more tips and activities, visit onlib.org/makingsmallmomentsbig.
Regularly read books to your baby, pointing to the pictures as you read and engaging her by changing your voice for each character. Invite your little one to participate by encouraging her to laugh or act surprised by the story, touch the pictures, and turn the pages.
Sing easy rhymes like "Five Little Monkeys" together: Five little monkeys jumping on the bed, one fell down and bumped his head. Momma called the doctor and the doctor said, no more monkeys jumping on the bed!
Play with your baby when she’s alert and relaxed. Watch her closely for signs of fussing or sleepiness and take a break from playing when they appear.
Hide cereal under a cup and see if your baby can find it. This simple activity reinforces object permanence, a major concept.
Place your baby on her back and shine a flashlight back and forth across a dark wall. Pause on objects as they're lit and talk to your baby about what she's seeing.