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.
Try a new twist on charades. Set jobs as the category and take turns thinking up and acting out different responsibilities. Are you a veterinarian, astronaut, teacher, or gardener?
Ever looked closely at a word and discovered more words within it? Write “CELEBRATE” on a piece of paper. How many words can your child find? What about “CATERPILLAR”? Two, three, maybe even five?
Act out a silent story with your child and encourage him to guess what you’re doing and describe the story out loud. Hold up fingers, make facial expressions, and use body motions. How will your child tell the tale?
Early readers are interested in individual letters and words. Take a walk outside or around the room. Ask your child to name the letters he sees. Try finding the letters in your names.
Read a book together and see what connections your child can make to other books or real-life experiences. Model the behavior by saying, "This reminds me of a time when..." Encourage your child to do the same.