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.
Start the day with a game of Simon Says. Start with simple directions - “Simon says touch your toes” - and keep it going as you get your child moving (and don't forget to drop "Simon says" every now and then).
Turn on some children's music. Your child will start learning through song as she recites letters, numbers, days of the week and body parts to melodic tunes.
Take a piece of blank white paper and have your child draw a picture of the day's weather by using crayons, markers, or watercolors.
Make a mailbox by decorating an old shoe box or cardboard box and cutting a slit in the top. Fill it with your junk mail for your child to open.
Ask your child a lot of "wonder" questions, like "I wonder what we will do tomorrow?" and "I wonder what the weather will be?" Childhood is about learning new facts and applying them to theories, so help your child make theories.