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.
Asking your child questions helps develop his reasoning skills - especially when you ask questions that go beyond simple "yes" or "no" answers.
Rhyming and word guessing games help your child detect differences in sounds. This will help with reading and writing later on.
Tell your child a simple story about something she did that was funny or interesting and then see if she can tell a different story about herself.
When cooking, cleaning and dressing, give your child directions that have at least two steps. For example, "Put that pan in the sink, and then pick up the red spoon."
Tell your child a favorite story, such as the "Three Little Pigs" or "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", and ask her to tell you how the characters are feeling.