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.
Try to have clear routines during the day. Let your child know what will happen next. Have a reading time and quiet time each day.
When doing housework, allow your child to do a small part on his own. Let him empty the wastebasket or clean the crumbs off the table.
Encourage your child's independence. Let her fix something to eat, such as a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. At bedtime, let her choose her clothes to wear the next day.
Create a pretend argument between stuffed animals or dolls. Talk with your child about what happened, feelings and how best to work out problems when they come up.
Have a special reading time every day. Snuggle up and get close. Slowly increase the length of the stories so your child can sit and listen a little longer.