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.
Let your child know every morning that you love him and how great he is. Give him a "high five," a big smile, a pat on the back or a hug. Tell him he is super, cool, sweet and fun.
Play games that involve following simple rules, such as "Mother May I" and "Red Light, Green Light." Celebrate your child's success in following the rules.
Provide opportunities for your child to be creative. Empty containers, glue, newspapers, rubber bands and magazines can be used to make new creations.
Use props such as old clothes, boxes and folding chairs for playing store, fire station or school. Your child will delight in using her imagination to entertain you.
While getting ready for bed, challenge your child to see how long you can both be silent. Let him be the timer. You can use facial expressions and body movements to communicate. Whoever stays silent the longest wins!