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.
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GOOD MORNING

WHICH ONE IS THE BIGGEST?

Pick a few objects around the house and ask your child to line them up by size from smallest to biggest. Lining objects up by size gives your child the chance to practice using information she knows about size.
Place a small, safe object such as a crayon in the palm of one hand. Close both hands and ask, “Where’s the crayon?” When your child points to one of your hands, open it, saying, “Yes, here it is!” or, if the crayon is not there, open the other hand.
Give your child some safe plastic containers to open and close. Say “open” and “close” as he plays. Show him how to put things from the kitchen (like spoons) in the containers and then take them out. Say “in” and “out.”
Say, “I’m thinking of an animal” and provide clues to help your child guess what animal you’re thinking of. “I’m thinking of an animal who quacks and lives in the water.”
Your child may be very active, but he needs rest time, too. Try to learn his rhythms and set up routines for going to bed.