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.
Talk about the sounds you're hearing with your child. Point to the clock and say, “I hear the clock ticking. Do you?” Pay attention to what your child is listening to and ask her, “What do you hear?”
Have a special reading time every day. Snuggle up and get close. Look for books with big feels. Ask, "What do you do when you're mad, sad or happy?"
While eating lunch, tell your child to imitate what you do. Pick up your fork, take some food and say, “Mmm yummy,” and put the fork down. Then encourage your child to be the leader while you copy her.
Invite your child to hide and then search for him, talking out loud about the clues you’re using to find him. If he giggles, say, “I hear someone giggling.” Take turns so he can find you, too!
Tell your child every day how much you love him. Give him little kisses on the nose, ears and fingers. Say, "I love your nose! I love your ear! I love your finger! I love you!"