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.
Hand your child a doll or toy and encourage him to describe the item to you - what color, shape and size is the toy?
Get a bucket of toys and have the children dump them out, then fill up the bucket again. Say, "Let's put them back in one by one." Ask the children to name and describe the toys as they put them in the bucket.
Try some early math activities: point out shapes on your child’s plate or around the kitchen. Ask your child, “How many sides does a square have?” “How about a triangle?”
Scribbling is an important first step in learning how to write. Get out the crayons or washable markers. Let the children draw and scribble away. Say, "Tell me about your picture. What colors did you use?"
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!"