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.
It’s natural for children to want to read the same books over and over. Sometimes they have a favorite book, sometimes it is comforting and familiar, and sometimes the story relates to an experience they’re having. Each time, try to point out new words, ideas, or pictures and talk about them together.
Hand a phone to your child and keep one for yourself. Pretend to make calls and hold conversations with each other or imaginary people. Use funny voices and create silly characters on the other line.
Talk or make silly sounds to your toddler through a cardboard tube and see how she reacts and responds to the change in your normal speaking voice. Let her take a turn to see what sounds she can make.
Send your child on different "errands" around the house, asking him to get his shoes, bring you the ball, or find and deliver his cup. This is a great way for your child to practice following directions.
Toddlers love to count their fingers and toes, so show your little one how to touch each digit only once as you count out loud.