How can so much fun teach STEM skills?

Playing with blocks and other building materials develops math and science skills, helping children learn about gravity, balance, shapes, and problem solving.

Try these Activities!

- **Mix it up.** Use mixed sets of building materials. Try mixing building blocks with Legos, or foam bricks with cans.

- **Recycle it.** Use cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, nesting cups, or leftover containers as building materials.

- **Basic shape cutouts.** Draw three basic shapes on paper (square, circle, and triangle), and let your children cut them out. Save the cutouts (and scraps) for use in other projects.

- **Challenge it.** Create a set of challenges for children using a variety of building materials.
  - How tall can you make it?
  - Build a tunnel you can crawl through.
  - Build something as a team.
  - Build something in five minutes.
  - Unbuild. Slowly take apart a tower until it tumbles down.