

# STEM Learning DOTTY'S PLACE

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## On The Road Again!

This past month has been full of changes, and one of the biggest was saying goodbye to my old van. After years of faithful service (and a whole lot of miles), it finally reached the end of the road. But I'm excited to share that I now have a small SUV, which means I'm getting back out there to visit groups, host STEM Game Times, and bring hands-on learning to even more kids. I've missed being out in the community, and I can't wait to reconnect with everyone!



## Getting Organized for a Better Experience



Behind the scenes, I've been working hard to streamline my inventory and organize my supplies. Over the years, I've collected hundreds of games, kits, and materials, and making everything easier to find means I can spend less time searching and more time engaging with students. Better organization also helps me fine-tune my programs so that each activity is as effective (and fun!) as possible.

## Encouraging STEM at Home

For parents looking to bring more STEM into their children's lives, start with simple, hands-on activities that encourage curiosity. Let your child build with blocks, experiment in the kitchen, or solve puzzles together. STEM isn't just about science and math—it's about learning to think critically, problem-solve, and explore new ideas. Giving kids opportunities to tinker, create, and make mistakes helps them develop the confidence to approach challenges with an open mind. The best part? You don't need fancy equipment—just a willingness to explore and learn alongside them!



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