WHAT ARE THEY LEARNING?

Playing with technology offers a variety of opportunities for skill development. When we sweep with a broad brush and declare everything "screentime," we close our eyes to what's really happening under the surface - not to mention how it affects our relationship with our child.

Various games will emphasize some of these skills more than others. But since many parents did not grow up playing a lot of video games, you may need help knowing what to look for!

And all of these skills are developed in a setting where learning is in context, necessary for the game, and fun! (Translation: Much less resistance!)

SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR VIDEO GAMERS	
Teamwork	Learn about Strategy
Persistence	Learn to collaborate
Learn to Overcome Obstacles	Improve Communication skills
Negotiation Skill Development	Develop Planning skills
Learning to ask for resources	Develop Eye-Hand Coordination
Sharing resources with others	Develop memory
Advocating for others' resource needs	Improve speed on using computer controls
Frustration tolerance	Map reading
Opportunity to Be the expert	Weapon knowledge
Develop Teaching skills	House-building skills
Develop self-regulation	Learn to read
Learn a new language	Practice math skills
Learn the history of skills	Learn about statistics
Learn about geography	Develop Tech skills to use for employment
Learn Earth science	Learn online research skills
Algebra application (multiple variables)	Improve Spelling through texting
Play with physics	Deep dives into topics (farming, building, etc.)
Learn about various time periods	