SPARK

- Is a nationally recognized physical education curriculum.
- Has been used in over 50,000 schools.
- Is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Academy of Sciences.

Curriculum

- Offers ten research-based programs: Four in Physical Education (Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12), four in Coordinated School Health (Ignite a Healthy Environment, Nutrition Services, Health Education, and Wellness for Staff), one for After School and one for Early Childhood.
- Provides a coordinated package of curriculum:
 - Curriculum guides with extensive descriptions of what and how to teach the material
 - SPARKfolio
 - Support through their website <u>www.sparkpe.org</u>
- Units and lessons are designed to involve all students, incorporate social skills, and emphasize health-related fitness.
- Our curriculum guides are divided into K 2nd Grade and 3rd 6th Grade
- Easily compatible with Learning Focused Strategies
 - Content maps
 - Lessons

Decision One: Student Learning Map of Unit

Topic: Dribbling, Volleying, Striking **Grade:** K-2 **Optional Instructional Tools:**

Balloons, spots, balls,

paddles, hoops

Key Learning(s): Unit Essential Question(s):

TSW be able to dribble, volley, and What are ways I can move an object?

Strike an object with another object.

Key Concept/Skills: Key Concept/Skills: Key Concept/Skills:

Dribble Volley Striking

Lesson EQs: Lesson EQs: Lesson EQs:

What is dribbling? What is volleying? What is striking?

What are ways I can dribble a ball? How do I volley a balloon/ball? What are different things I can strike with?

Vocabulary: Vocabulary: Vocabulary:

Dribble Volley Strike

SPARK Dribbling, Volleying, Striking

K: 1.6,2.1,3.1,4.1,4.2,5,6 1 & 2: 1.2,1.6,1.9,2.1,2.2,2.3,2.4,3.1,5,6

Mary Black Foundation

- Supplied curriculum guides for all K 6th Grade PE teachers in all 7 Spartanburg School Districts.
- Provided training for all K 6th Grade PE teachers and paid for substitutes to cover teachers while they were in training.
- Gave each participant a \$250 grant to cover any equipment they may not have in order to start the SPARK curriculum.