

# Manipulatives

## How to Use It

- Begin teaching activities in the order presented. While teaching, assess students' ability to perform activities and adjust accordingly. If an activity is too easy, use SPARK It Up! variations to provide additional challenges. If too difficult, simplify and slow down.
- Review the assessment sample provided on SPARKfamily.org. The Manipulatives Performance Rubric is an observational tool you can use to collect skill development data.
- A sample unit plan based on an instructional model of three 30-minute PE classes per week, is provided on SPARKfamily.org.
- Remember to use a short 5-7 minute ASAP activity before the main activity in your lesson. Choose several from the ASAP sections to rotate throughout the unit.

## Teaching Tips

- Have students place their manipulatives on the ground while listening to instructions.
- For additional lessons, teach activities again using the SPARK It Up! variations.

## Safety

- Ensure students maintain a safe distance from one another during all activities, and understand and follow start and stop signals.