

## School, Parents And Reading Connection (SPARC) Protocol

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the SPARC program is to encourage families to read together and engage in interactive learning activities at home. For this reason, the SPARC program provides materials that rotate into students' homes. It is not designed to provide materials for school-based or other site-based learning.

### **Backpacks:**

SPARC bags should be clearly marked with the standard SPARC logo and/or have "SPARC" clearly imprinted on the bag or on a luggage-type tag. Preschool programs should follow the same protocol using the SPARC-EL logo and/or name. Bags can be ordered from "AmeriPrint" in Sun Prairie – 608.837.5010 – [www.ameriprintapparel.com](http://www.ameriprintapparel.com).

They have logos on file. You can arrange your own printing / labeling but you will need to feature the SPARC / SPARC-EL logo and/or name.

### **Bag Contents:**

The following are recommendations for your SPARC / SPARC-EL bags. Each bag should have a uniform theme that enhances classroom topics and encourage interactive family activity. For that reason, a range of reading levels can be offered in each bag – including books that students can read themselves and books that can be read to them by family members. Some bags have consumable items (school supplies, stickers etc.) that are replaced with each bag rotation.

SPARC – one hard cover book, three to five paperbacks, thematic games and projects.

SPARC-EL – one or two books, thematic game and project.

If you have any questions, and/or would like copies of a brief (seven minute) SPARC video to send home with families, please contact Kathy Price at 663-4941.