

## Sample Scripts for Verbal Prompts

to help transition from one activity to another

**PRE-CORRECTIONS** - said *prior to* transition to give notice to your child

- \_\_\_\_ (Child's name), just a heads up, in \_\_\_\_ minutes, it will be time for you to start your \_\_\_\_\_ (name next task).
- Here's your 5-minute warning before we stop/clean up and move on to our next activity which is \_\_\_\_\_ (name next task).
- Attention! (or make a silly attention getting noise "ding ding").. It will be time for \_\_\_\_\_ (name next task) in \_\_\_\_ minutes.
- In \_\_\_\_ minutes, we are moving on to \_\_\_\_\_ (name next task). I will need you to \_\_\_\_\_ (state any expectations regarding cleaning up, putting away, or getting ready).
- Before we go to \_\_\_\_\_ (name next location), you will need to \_\_\_\_\_ (state any expectations regarding cleaning up, putting away, or getting ready). You can keep working/playing for now and I'll be back in \_\_\_\_ minutes.

**DIRECTIONS** – said *at time of* transition to give instruction to your child

- Ok, \_\_\_\_ (Child's name), it is now time for you to start your \_\_\_\_\_ (name next task).
- It's been 5 minutes, so we stop/clean up and move on to our next activity which is \_\_\_\_\_ (name next task).
- Time's up! It is now time for \_\_\_\_\_ (name next task).
- It is now time to move on to \_\_\_\_\_ (name next task). I need you to \_\_\_\_\_ (restate 1-2 expectations regarding cleaning up, putting away, or getting ready). Thank you.
- Ok, it has been \_\_\_\_ minutes and it's now time for us to go to \_\_\_\_\_ (name next location), I need you to \_\_\_\_\_ (restate 1-2 expectations regarding cleaning up, putting away, or getting ready). Quickly please.

**\*\* Tip:** *If the next task is non-preferred, add to your direction a reminder of what else (i.e., preferred activities) is coming up later in the day. Such as, "...then after that, we get to do \_\_\_\_ (preferred task)." Or "...and when we finish that, it will be time for \_\_\_\_ (preferred task)." Or "...hurry please so we have enough time for \_\_\_\_ (preferred task) later."*