



5
YEARS

You are your
CHILD'S **1ST** TEACHER





READY, SET... READ!

[5 YEAR OLD FAMILY CHECKLIST AND GUIDE]

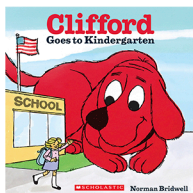
FAMILY CHECKLIST:

- ✦ Has your child started counting and reciting the alphabet?
- ✦ When your child is enjoying a book, use the time to point out specific letters and numbers. You may even talk to your child about the sounds that each letter makes.
- ✦ Can your child read or work independently for short periods at a time?
- ✦ Does your child attempt to write his or her name?
- ✦ Can your child listen to stories without interrupting?
- ✦ Is your child able to hold crayons, markers or pencils?
- ✦ Does your child recognize their written name?

TIPS FOR FAMILIES:

- ✦ Encourage independent reading time.
- ✦ Ask your child to retell a recent story read.
- ✦ Ask questions about what was read and ask for explanation as to why events may have occurred.
- ✦ Provide a variety of writing utensils (pencils, crayons, markers) and ask your child to write or illustrate the events of a story.
- ✦ Encourage your child to recognize and write his/her name.

SUGGESTED READING:



MORE GREAT BOOKS:

- **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** [Laura Numeroff]
- **There's an Alligator Under My Bed** [Esphyr Slobodkina]

*Additional Resources:

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