As students in grades 1-3 begin exploring a variety of literature – from picture books and early readers, to chapter books and nonfiction – they grow in independence and fluency. This list includes English-language books at a variety of levels that might be read independently or shared with someone else. Remember, BIS has no required summer reading; students should be encouraged to read simply for fun and entertainment.

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Fun Reads
For the student who learns more and more English every day

The **Andy Shane** series by Jennifer Jacobson (C JAC)

The **Babymouse** graphic novels by Jennifer L. Holm (741.5 HOL)

**Kate DiCamillo** “C” series like **Mercy Watson** and **Bink & Gollie** (C DIC)

**Dr. Seuss** beginner readers like **The Foot Book** (C SEU, ONLINE)

**Eric Carle** picture books (E CAR)

**Oliver Jeffers** picture books (E JEF)

**John Klassen** hat books (E KLA)

**Judy Moody and Friends** series by Megan McDonald (C MCD)

**Katie Woo** series by Fran Manushkin (C MAN)

Classic picture books from **Robert Munsch** (E MUN)

The **PebblePlus Dinosaurs** series (567.9 …)

**The Piggie and Elephant** books by Mo Willems (E WIL)

**Cynthia Rylant** series like **Mr. Putter & Tabby** and **Annie & Snowball** (C RYL)

**Toot and Puddle** books by Holly Hobbie (E HOB)

**Winnie the Witch** books by Valerie Thomas (E THO)
Challenging Reads
Best for an independent and fluent English reader

The **Bunnicula** series by James Howe (F HOW, ONLINE)

The **Cam Jansen** mysteries by David Adler (F ADL, ONLINE)

**Beverly Cleary** series like Ralph S. Mouse and Ramona Quimby (F CLE, ONLINE)

The **Clementine** series by Sara Pennypacker (F PEN)

The **Galaxy Zack** series by Ray O’Ryan (F ORY)

The **Guinea Dog** series by Patrick Jennings (F JEN, ONLINE)

The **Infamous Ratsos** books by Kara LaReau (C LAR, ONLINE)

The **Life of Ty** series by Lauren Myracle (F MYR)

**Looking Up** by Sally Murphy (F MUR, ONLINE)

**Megan McDonald** series like Judy Moody and Stink (F MCD, ONLINE)

The **Milo & Jazz** mysteries by Lewis B. Montgomery (F MON)

The **Nancy Clancy** books by Jane O’Connor (F OCO, ONLINE)

The **Pirate School** series by Brian James (F JAM, ONLINE)

**Jack Prelutsky** poetry, including *A Pizza the Size of the Sun* (811 PRE)

The **Roscoe Riley Rules** series by Katherine Applegate (F APP)

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