Beacon Christian High School English Department's
2010 Summer Reading Requirements

The following is the summer reading requirement for all incoming students grades 7 through 12. A book review for each book is to be completed in the format describe below. Summer reading reports are to be turned into your English teacher at the beginning of the second week of instruction. Your personal essays (instructions below) are due on the Friday of the first week of instruction.

Summer Book Report Format

1. A paragraph giving an overview of the book which should include the following: title, author, main characters, setting, and overall theme.

2. Provide a chapter by chapter summary (approximately one paragraph) of the plot (actions and experiences of the characters) and the development of the characters in the book. Remember this is a summary in your own words not the retelling of the story.

3. Write an opinion paragraph which summarizes the book and your reaction to the story. Please express your understanding of the moral dilemmas in the novel and how it was resolved. Finally let us know if you would recommend the book to others to read and explain why or why not.

7th and 8th Grade

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry	The Giver
by Mildred Taylor	by Lois Lowry

9th/10th Grade *(pick two books below)*

A Walk to Remember	Hangman's Curse	Kidnapped
by Nicholas Sparks	by Frank Peretti	by Robert Louis Stevenson

11th/12th Grade *(pick two books below)*

Of Mice and Men	The Last of the Mohicans	Uncle Tom's Cabin
by John Steinbeck	by James Fenimore Cooper	by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Personal Essay Requirement

Please write a one page essay (300+ words) of personal reflections, spiritual assessment, and goals you have for next year and the future. Essentially reflect on how you have grown in the past year (especially spiritually) and what your plans are for the future. Be honest and truthful with yourself as this exercise will help you to focus and grow next year. You can use personal experience as an example of how you have grown or how you have been inspired. It may be helpful to ask a close family member to help you reflect and plan.