Dear Parents and 8th Grade Students,

The English department at Brink Jr. High has established a summer reading program for students enrolled in 8th grade Honors English classes. It is our belief that reading comprehension is an indicator of future success in education. The only way for that skill to fully develop is through consistent practice. Our summer reading program will help students maintain their reading skills, improve their writing proficiency, and gain knowledge of new vocabulary and concepts. The following book has been chosen for 8th grade Honors English students:

*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

Students are to complete the reading of the assigned novel before the first day of school – August 13, 2020. Students should be prepared to take a comprehensive test over the novel, complete a literary analysis, and do other projects/assignments during the first few days of school. Your English teacher will assign due dates for these assignments. Please bring the novel to class on the first day of school and every day until further notice. The benefits of owning your own copy of the novel are priceless; however, the local libraries are aware of Brink’s summer reading and will have extra copies of this title for your convenience.

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