HONORS ENGLISH 9
SUMMER READING

**Purpose:** In order to prepare to embark on your freshman year in Honors English, it is important to read and write critically and reflectively during the summer. The summer reading assignment is designed to help you both reflect on literature and your own development.

**Required Reading:**
The *House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Copies were handed out at the middle school and are still available from Laconia High School.

**Assignment:** Construct an essay answering the following question:

**Who and/or what helps Esperanza define herself?**

**Due Date:** The first week of the course to Ms. Reiner—share on Office 365 or email: nreiner@laconiaschools.org.

**Requirements:**
Write a 3-4 page typed (double-spaced, 12 font, 1 inch margins) essay which answers the question. Include at least three quotations from the novel which support your analysis of the question. Be sure to use proper MLA Citations Style, to include in-text citations. For example, “We must be Christmas” (Cisneros 40). Be sure to include a works cited page as well.

In the introduction, you should briefly introduce the novel, author and the topics your essay will discuss to answer the question. In the conclusion, reflect on the essay and add your own connection to at least one of the examples discussed.