# **Connecting with NASA:**

MESSENGER Mission and the Elementary Classroom

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#### **MESSENGER:**

MErcury Surface, Space Environment, GEochemistry, and Ranging

MESSENGER is a scientific investigation of the planet Mercury. The MESSENGER mission will orbit Mercury after making three flybys of the planet, using data collected during the flybys as an initial guide to perform a more focused scientific investigation of this mysterious world.

NASA has made a concerted effort to promote public awareness of the mission through the use of social media (Twitter, blogs, etc.) and through NASA MESSENGER Fellows, teachers chosen to participate in an educational outreach program. As part of this program, NASA offers a wide variety of resources for teachers, including opportunities for student interaction, lesson plans, weblinks, and student resources.