Hello and Welcome...

Fifth Grade will be filled with excitement and fun! I am eager to begin the exciting projects I have planned. First, I look forward to seeing all the families on October 31, 2002 at 6:00. This will be an open house for all the families to monitor the progress of the school year activities. If you are interested, I will have information on volunteering at that time.

My goal is to make a network, between myself and the families, to support the students fully. I am available most days after school. I also would appreciate any questions or suggestions each and every family member may have. Please contact me, anytime, at mbsalazar001@yahoo.com.

Computers, Computers, Computers

I plan to make computers a very integral part of the curriculum. I believe it is important that the students feel competent in doing basic tasks. One of the first approaches I plan to use for the classroom is a class website. This website will be made available to the students in class and able to be accessed from home. This website will have the assignments for the week, and tips for homework help.

During school hours the students will be able to use the classroom computers to take the online quizzes and/or study guides. For use at home the students will be able to access the individual assignments they have missed during their absence. I will have it running within the week, and will send a newsletter home with greater details and guidelines.

Fun and Exciting News

This school year we have reinstated the art program! The students will attend an art lesson twice a week. These lessons will be directly linked with the other core curriculum, and be taught by myself and a trained artist.

We have received more computers. We now have five computers, with internet access, in our classroom. Also we have a new computer lab, for full class activities.

Student council elections are coming. The president and vice-president will come from our pool of fifth graders. Start your campaigning!

Peer tutoring will begin the week of November 4th. We will be assigned to a specific 2nd grade classroom. We will be planning the activities as a class in the coming weeks.

There are many holidays this time of year. We will look into the way many cultures celebrate these holidays. Please do not bring the candy or other sweets from those celebrations to class. We will have class parties where we will make things instead!