

Hey Kids and Kids at heart! Happy Memorial Day!

This day is more than just a day off school or a time to buy stuff at a BIG sale!

It's a day to celebrate those people who have given their lives to keep America FREE!

But did you know that this day wasn't always called Memorial day? It was actually called "Decoration Day" first.

Isn't that cool?

A long time ago, in 1866 a man named Henry Welles who lived in a place called Waterloo, New York, that's kind of a funny name isn't it, owned a drug store, kind of like a CVS or a Walgreens!

Henry wanted to show kindness and honor all the soldiers who died during the war. So he decided to close down his store and ask other store owners to join him putting flowers and flags on the soldiers' graves.

Then a man named Major Jonathon Logan who fought in the war himself decided to take soldiers who were alive and do the same thing! The two men joined together and in 1882 it was called "Memorial Day"

Did you know that? I didn't until NOW!!

Then 105 years later, that's a lot of years! Then in 1971 President Nixon decided to make it a holiday. So now on the last Monday of May every year we remember those who fought to give us our freedom!

Do you know any soldiers? I do!

Today, when you think about them, maybe you could say thank you!

Draw a picture and give it to them.

Call them on the phone and ask them to tell you some stories.

Put some flags in your frontyard.

Or say a prayer for the families of those who died in war.

That would be such a brave, kind and different thing to do!

Whatever you do today, take time to remember! Happy Memorial Day.