Good morning, I.S 201! It's Joanna from class 851 and I will be with you for our S.E.A.L Summaries every Friday on behalf of the S.E.A.L Team.

You may wonder, why do we have a 3 day weekend this week? Yes, it is because of Memorial Day, but what does this day really celebrate?

Every last Monday in May, Memorial Day is celebrated all across the U.S. First celebrated in 1868, this day recognizes all military personnel who've passed away while serving our country.

Memorial Day can be mistaken for Veterans Day but there's a difference between the two. Memorial Day recognizes members who've served in the military and passed away while Veterans Day is celebrated to thank all living veterans for their service. Both days are here to recognize and appreciate the members of military services who've contributed to our national security.

Memorial Day wasn't always called Memorial Day. Before the year 1967, this day was officially known as Decoration Day. This was from the early tradition of decorating the graves of the military personnel who've died with flowers, wreaths, and flags. Now, 156 years later, even though it's called a different name, this day of remembrance still holds the same importance

Thank you for listening and have a Freedom Fighters Friday!

The affirmation of the day is: "I will be inclusive."

SEAL Team pledge:

We are the Dyker S.E.A.L. Team

Positivity is our dream

We teach it every day

To help others live the optimistic way

We learn to control our emotions and feelings

So, we always have effective social dealings

No stone left unturned; no person left behind

Every member of our team has the power to be kind

We spread kindness to our friends, families, and those who need a smile

When facing hardships and adversity, the S.E.A.L. Team goes the extra mile

