

Good Afternoon, Au Pairs.

Memorial Day Weekend is the unofficial start of Summer here in the U.S., with Labor Day (the last Monday in August) being Summer's other bookend. Here's what it is all about:

Memorial Day is a patriotic holiday in the United States of America, celebrated on the last Monday in May. It is a celebration of remembrance for the brave service of men and women who gave their lives for their country. Memorial Day was declared a federal holiday in 1971. We now, designate this day to remember loved ones who have passed on, as well as remembering our service men and women. Flowers and flags are placed on graves in remembrance of them. Parades and dedications of memorials usually are part of the day's activities. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, local marching bands, members of the armed service, fire departments, police departments, and fraternal orders often march in parades and attend ceremonies to commemorate the day.

Here are a couple of links to website that have activities you can do with the children in honor of Memorial Day.

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/memorial-day/>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/memorialday/>