

# **NO CHILD LEFT**

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(MRS. O'REILLY, a primly dressed woman, enters with an armload of books. She smiles out to the audience.)

### MRS. O'REILLY

Good morning, class. Welcome back. I hope you all had a nice vacation. I'm your new teacher, Mrs. O'Reilly, and I'm very happy to be here, shaping your young minds. What? No, Miss Lincoln won't be coming back. No, I don't know why, but it had nothing to do with her remarks about the president. And I'm certainly not going to spread any of those awful rumors that she's a drug addicted whore.

Now, there are some very exciting changes here at school, and it's all thanks to President Bush, who doesn't want any of you to be left behind. Isn't that wonderful?

The first thing you should know is there will be a lot of tests coming up, and those of you who don't do well on those tests will be responsible when the government cuts funds for this school. But let's not dwell on which of you will be ruining things for everyone else. First, I want everyone to get out their old text books, because we need to go over some of the changes, so we can be prepared to answer President Bush's question: Is our children learning?

Let's start with English. Now, English is very important, because we all need it to be able to read and write and even talk. Isn't that right, Jose? Habla Ingles? Oh, you do? Well, what a surprise.

Now, in the past people have made English much harder than it should be. This year I'll teach you that the great thing about English is that it's so adaptablistic. Now, I bet some of you are thinking, "Wait, 'adaptablistic' isn't a word." But you'd be wrong. Because one of the new things you'll be learning is that it's perfectly all right to make up new words.

From now on, if you squish a couple words together or

## MRS. O'REILLY (CONT.)

add extra syllables, but people can still guesstimate what you mean, then you've invented a new word. And you'll get extra credit for that. And it doesn't mean you're dumb, don't know what you're talking about, or you're trying to duck a question from some pesky reporter.

English is hard. Just ask little Juan up here. Hmm? Right, right, Jose, whatever. What are all these tenses: past, present, future, pluperfect? What do those things really mean, and Why do they have to "agree?" Don't we know what someone means when they say "Teach a child to read, and he or her will be able to pass a literacy test?" Or "Reading is the basics for all learning." Of course we do. All right, let's move on to history.

Have you ever wondered how we know what really happened in the past? Is it just because somebody wrote something down? What if history books were written by angry, bitter people, like Democrats, who didn't get to turn America into a godless, socialist nightmare and decided to make up a bunch of stuff? Wouldn't it be awful if we taught you things that weren't true?

You bet it would. And that's why our school has ordered new history text books that are being written by the fair and balanced people at Fox News. They'll write about what really happened all those years ago in Vietnam, Iraq and Florida and Ohio, and let you decide what's right and what's a lot of nonsense made up by sore losers.

*[ The monologue continues. If you would like to read the rest, please contact the author at: [Craig@CraigPospisil.com](mailto:Craig@CraigPospisil.com).]*