TALKING ABOUT
HYPOPHOSPHATASIA
You better catch up with your class.

I just need to rest a little bit.
I get tired easily because my bones are weak.

I have hypophosphatasia.

That’s a big word. What does it mean?

Let me borrow this.

Minerals like calcium and phosphorus make bones strong.

But kids with HPP have trouble absorbing these minerals into their bones.
Our bones can become soft and curved.

And we tend to be a little shorter.

Teeth are made of minerals so some HPP kids may lose their baby teeth.

Some HPP kids need crutches or wheelchairs.

We all need some help.

What?
Is HPP contagious?

HPP is very rare.

We inherit HPP from our parents, so you cannot catch it.

Scientists are now working hard and hopefully there will one day be a cure for HPP.
Still we tend to get tired easily.

Our bones break easily...

...so no rough play!

No rough play!?
But we like to play games.

We don't like eating our vegetables.

We enjoy talking with friends.

And we don't like extra homework.

I just want people to know that HPP kids are just like all other kids.

I wouldn't worry about that.
I THINK THEY ALREADY KNOW!