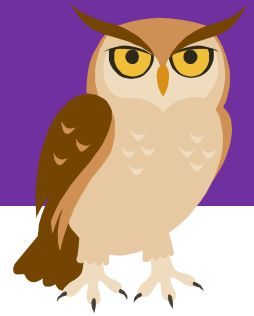


# The Higgins Hoot

news from room 213



## Message of the week

Look for information about the Christmas party in your child's Friday Folder this week.

Dear family,

We only have one more week left this year! ☺  
Then it's a new year full of new opportunities and new learning in first grade.

Next week, we'll be assessing for end of quarter goals so be sure to be practicing sight words, reading every night, and working on math skills like counting to 120, skip counting and identifying coins.

Our party is coming up next week along with some other fun activities. Look for the note with details for the party.

Finally, I know I keep saying it, but we have some kids still not coming to school with a heavy coat. We go outside even when the temperatures get below freezing. Your child needs to have a heavy coat every day from now until spring when the weather warms ups.

Happy learning!

*Miss Higgins*



## Look at what we've learned!

### Phonics & Spelling

We learned about y at the end of words this week and how it has two sounds: /ē/ and /ī/.

### Reading

We've been learning a song by reading the lyrics this week. We've also been working hard on retelling the stories we read at group time.

### Writing

We finished our class book this week and we have been enjoying some free-writing.

### Math

We've worked on learning to tell time to the half hour this week and will continue practicing those skills next week.

### Science & Social Studies

We started a unit about families this week, learning about who is in a family and what different families look like.

# Learning at home

## Remember to:

- read 10 minutes every night
- practice spelling
- practice sight words



We enjoyed reading winter books with a partner.

View the color photo and more photos in the online issue of our newsletter and on our school website at

<http://www.henrycountyr1.k12.mo.us/>.



## Coming up...

### December 21

Early Dismissal @ 11:00

### December 22 – January 3

No School – Christmas Break

## Next week's specials

### Remember!

wear tennis shoes  
to school on PE days

**Monday:** U – PE/Computer Lab

**Tuesday:** N – Music/Library

**Wednesday:** D – Art/Handwriting

**Thursday:** S – No Specials

**Friday:** No School

If you ever have any questions or concerns, or even just want to chat about your child, anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact me!

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## Helping your child succeed

There are several ways that you can help your child. Here are just a few ideas:

### ✓ Read with your child!

Read to and with your child. Your child has a book bag book on their level that comes home each night so be sure to read and talk about it.

### ✓ Write with your child!

Practice makes perfect, so let your child write with you, even if it's just helping you write the grocery list for the week's shopping.

### ✓ Play math games with your child!

Keep talking and playing with numbers, even if it is just counting and sorting the socks in the laundry.

### ✓ Volunteer in the classroom!

An extra pair of hands can always help out in first grade! ☺

### ✓ Send a water bottle and snack with your child!

Learning is hard work! Having lots of water to drink and healthy snacks to eat helps little brains work that much better.

### ✓ Stay in touch!

Communication between parents and teachers is key since we are partners in your child's learning process. I'm happy to speak to you!