



## "TLC" for Kindergartners

The staff of Dilworth Elementary School has devised a plan to ease the transition of rising kindergartners to kindergarten:

### **In the spring:**

Kindergarten Orientation Day – rising kindergartners meet teachers, visit kindergarten classrooms, have fun socializing, complete a craft project and explore the rooms. Parents meet with the staff to learn details about the kindergarten curriculum and Dilworth School procedures.

### **The first week of school:**

Staggered Attendance – kindergartners will attend only one day during the first few days of school. This allows the teacher to have just a handful of students on those days. Consequently, the teacher can do some informal assessments and the children have a less overwhelming environment for their first day of school.

Arrival Assistance – PTA volunteers will be available to help kindergartners find their classrooms as they arrive at school.

Cafeteria Assistance – PTA volunteers and Dilworth staff will assist kindergartners with buying and eating lunch. Each student will receive a four-digit code to access their cafeteria money so they never need to carry cash to school. Parents can send in checks for their child's cafeteria account or use PAYPAMS. PAYPAMS is an online account management system that allows parents to put money on their children's lunch accounts with a credit card or debit card.

### **After the first week of school:**

Assistance – Fifth-grade members of the Safety Patrol assist younger students in finding their classrooms. Cafeteria staff and teacher assistants help with lunchtime needs. Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their children after the first few weeks.

Dismissal Assistance (all year) – Kindergarten students who ride the bus in the afternoon are walked to the buses and actually placed on the correct bus by the kindergarten staff. This procedure ensures every child a safe ride home from school.