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Pleading their case: The Seven Dwarfs give their testimony to the wicked queen's attorney, Rahil Dharia (right).

But your honor...

Forest third graders take fairy tales to mock court trials

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"Please raise your right paw," the youthful court bailiff instructed Papa A. Bear.

That one-liner drew laughter throughout the courtroom usually presided over by 47th District Judge Marla Parker. But on this day, her domain belonged to third graders from Forest Elementary School, who were acting out three mock trials based on fairy tales.

The third and final case of the afternoon pitted The Three Bears against defendant Goldi Locks, who was sued for "bad manners." The first two cases involved the Big Bad Wolf and Snow White.

Students from the Farmington district school portrayed all of the key courtroom roles, including bailiff, court reporter, attorney, witnesses, plaintiffs, defendants and, of course, judge.



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Good fit: Judge Marla Parker (left) helps third grader Fatima Abbas with her judicial robes.

Kolchinsky, 8, and Erica Marcos, 9, recited their lines as previously rehearsed at their school, where both attend the classroom of Theresa Walsh.

Sarah, who wore a professional-looking outfit and had her dad's briefcase at the ready, played the role of attorney; she represented "Miss Locks," portrayed by Erica.

"The charges against my client are reeee-diculous," Sarah said. During her testimony, Goldi said she thought she was invited into the bears' home for breakfast. The oatmeal was so delicious that she wound up taking a nap.

At the other table were The Three Bears and their attorney, actually students all wearing little black noses attached to their faces.

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