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Fall River fourth-graders to decide the fate of Goldilocks in “The Three Bears v. Goldilocks” case to be tried in Fall River Superior Court

BOSTON, Mass. — Eighteen fourth-graders from John J. Doran Elementary School in Fall River will serve on the jury that decide the fate of Goldilocks in a fictional case based on the classic children’s tale, *Goldilocks and The Three Bears*. The mock trial will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on June 12 at Fall River Superior Court.

The program is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Ninth Street Day Nursery and Pre School in Fall River. Following the trial, students will discuss the legal system as well as the role of juries.

The case of “The Three Bears v. Goldilocks” is a trial script created by the American Bar Association. The Three Bears sue Goldilocks for “bad manners” after she was caught in their home eating their porridge.

Suffolk Superior Court Associate Justice David McLaughlin will preside over the case. The prosecution and defense roles will be played by Meredith Kelley, an attorney with Morrison Mahoney LLP in Fall Rive, and David Dennis, an attorney with his own practice in Fall River, respectively. Five students from Southern New England School of Law in Dartmouth will play The Three Bears, Goldilocks and Goldilocks’ mother.

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