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CHILDREN TAKE THE STAGE AT JOWONIO SCHOOL

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Children in Jowonio School's Treehouse Room recently presented three delightful short plays. The show gave the children an opportunity to show off their new Treehouse Stage to families and friends, and to experience the thrill of live performance for a very appreciative audience.

With guidance from their teachers, the 3, 4, and 5-year-olds designed their own costumes and made props for *The Three Little Pigs*, *The Gingerbread Man* and *The Six Billy Goats Gruff*. Each child had the chance to try all the roles during rehearsals, and some even created new characters to accommodate the individual talents and needs of classmates. Teachers narrated the stories, relieving the young performers from the pressure of memorizing lines, and giving them free rein to creatively act out the stories. The three-week preparation process provided the children with fun new ways to develop language and motor skills, cognitive and imaginative thinking, personal confidence, and group cooperation.

The Treehouse Room is one of Jowonio School's 10 classrooms, serving children ages 2 – 5. This year's Treehouse Room has a total of 16 children, including six students with special needs and one child who is learning to speak English as a second language. Two teachers and two full-time teacher's aides provide individualized instruction and attention to each child in the classroom.

Founded in 1969, Jowonio School is a non-profit school serving children with a wide range of abilities both in home and school-based programs. Jowonio's mission is to provide model inclusive programs for young children, where diversity is celebrated and all are free to learn and grow. For more information, visit our website at www.jowonio.org.

Photos Attached: (1) *The Gingerbread Man* (2) *Billy Goats Gruff*



[The Gingerbread Man](#): Leah Powell as the Princess and Michael Catanzarite as the Fox act out their parts, as teacher Susan Blanchard narrates “The Gingerbread Man” at Jowonio School.



Billy Goats Gruff: *(From left)* Nolan Gannon as the Troll, surprises Billy Goats Alani Henderson, Kate Devinney, Kaylee Cho and Mateo Hanick-Herman on Jowonio School's Treehouse Stage.

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