

Why did they use thick
walls and high ceilings
to stay cool?



PREL'S AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

PREL envisions a world where all children and communities are literate and healthy—global participants grounded in and enriched by their cultures. In working toward our vision, PREL serves the educational community with quality programs, services, and products developed to promote educational excellence. We work throughout school systems, from classroom to administration, and collaborate routinely with governments, communities, and businesses. Above all, we specialize in multicultural and multilingual environments.

Through our portfolio of services and products, PREL works with educators, key educational stakeholders, and decision makers to look for and weigh solutions to critical and enduring educational problems and help to build capacity for educational transformation and improvement. We do this through five integrated *Areas of Excellence* that, together, provide educational systems with the tools and capacities to transform and improve teaching and learning for children and ensure that all students meet or exceed high standards of academic achievement.

PREL programs work across the *Areas of Excellence*, leveraging our expertise to achieve the best products and services possible. In this report, we share a few examples of our work completed in 2009 to illustrate our efforts in these *Areas of Excellence*, which we hope you will find interesting, informative, and useful.