



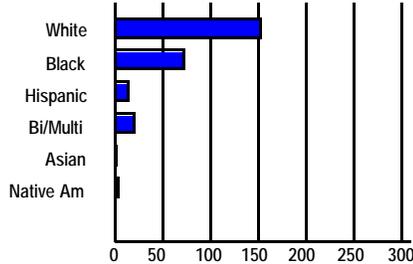
Jacksonville, NC

**Department of Defense Education Activity
Tarawa Terrace I Elementary School (PK-3)
1996/97 School Profile**

Barbara Simmons, Principal

School Characteristics

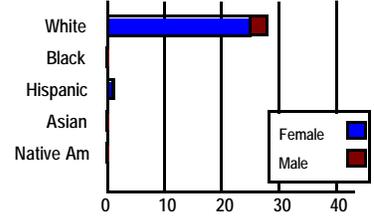
Student Enrollment - 353



Grade	#
PreK	91
K	82
1	78
2	58
3	44
Total	353

Sponsor Affiliation	
Marine	93%
Army	0%
Navy	7%
Air Force	0%
Coast Guard	0%
Non-US Military	0%
US Civilians	0%
Non-US Civilians	0%

Professional Staffing



Special Programs			
Grade Offered	Program	#	%
PK-12	Special Education	44	12%
PK-12	TAG	N/A	N/A
PK-12	ESL	N/A	N/A
AP Courses Offered		N/A	
Students Taking AP Courses		N/A	N/A

Teacher Experience	
Years	Teachers
New	0
1-3	2
4-6	4
7-10	1
> 10	16

Mobility Rate
42% Per Year

School Staff	
Category	FTE
Administrators	2
Classroom Teachers	20
Special Education	3
Other Professionals	4

Teacher Education	
Degree	% Teachers
BA/BS	52%
MA/MS	48%
Doctorate	0%

Principal's Highlights

Tarawa Terrace I Elementary School, previously Grades K - 3, instituted a Preschool program to serve all four year olds in September 1996. The Preschool serves approximately 120 students and includes students with developmental delays and disabilities. Parent involvement is an important part of the program. Parent communication is established through weekly newsletters and parent forums.

This is the second year the Grade 1/2 multiage program has been in place. By child, parent, and staff request, we are expanding the program to include Grade 3 for SY 1997-98. Our return rate to this program for children not leaving the area is 100%. Within this multiage program is an inclusion model which serves children with exceptionalities of HI, LD, EMH, TMH, and OHI.

As we live on the coast, Swim Days have become a part of our physical education program. This safety Fun and Fitness activity is regularly supported by MWR, lifeguards, and this year by the USMC boxing team.

Our Wellness Committee created a HEALTHY Living Program for staff which met weekly to provide support and information about health related topics. As a result, many staff modified health habits. Staff recognition activities were also implemented weekly.

**DoDEA Strategic Plan: School Improvement Implementation
School Year 96/97 Priorities**

Goal 3: Student Achievement And Citizenship

Benchmark 3.10: Demonstrate student technological proficiency.....

Individual electronic portfolios were established with on-going grade level samples of the writing process. A variety of recommended software supporting the benchmarks and CLDS learner objectives were provided for classrooms and the computer lab. An electronic reference lab provided opportunities to extend classroom instruction through the Internet.

Goal 4: Math And Science Achievement

Benchmark 4.3: Increase student proficiency in math and science.....

All staff and students created ten outdoor science labs where student experts were available as guides during special events as a result of the staff's first year of UTOTES training. Mental math and problem solving activities were used daily in instruction. All second grade students participated in the North Carolina End of Year Math Assessment Pilot Program.

Goal 7: Teacher Education and Professional Development

Benchmark 7.1: Provide professional development structure for educators.....

Staff members were surveyed to determine their needs in staff development and a series of technology classes were taught by staff. We are continuing to explore training in the use and possibilities of e-mail. We have offered a la carte learning opportunities for all staff not involved in the thirty hours of UTOTES training from the NC State Museum of Natural Sciences.

Goal 10: Organizational Development

Benchmark 10.8: Establish Technology for teachers and administrators.....

All teachers became proficient in the use of electronic report cards. Our learner objectives and handbooks have been computerized for easy reference. Ongoing flexible technology workshops covering ten different topics (all repeated) provided instruction for computer and software use. The Microsoft Office package was installed and training is scheduled.

