Parent Tomoko Hori helps Byrd Elementary School first-grader Rime Suzuki put on her ice skates during the school's field trip to the Morinaga Confectionary Factory and Kanagawa Ice Skating Rink.

Photo by Nancy Turner

The Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser *USS Shiloh* (CG 67) receives an overhaul during a dry dock selective restricted availability. *USS Shiloh* is forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and is part of Destroyer Squadron 15.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Bryan Reckard

DC2 Charles M. Galvez of El Paso, Texas, assigned to Yokosuka Port Operations, stencils a fire hose while performing general equipment maintenance Jan. 12.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardelito Gervacio

(Right) Yokosuka Middle School Librarian Barbara Bowman teaches students Ongel Phillips, Sam LeMoyne and Ainsley Rich about the system used for filing books at the school library. The National Junior Honor Society students volunteer part of their lunch time to work as library assistants, freeing-up the librarian to assist other students.

Photo by Dale N. Duncan Jr.

(Center) CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. Daniel Weed poses with "Brite," the Navy's official energy mascot Jan. 8. The purpose of Brite's visit is to help spread energy conservation awareness throughout the community. Brite was created by Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Northwest Public Works Department.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Konnichiwa!

YNC Paul Artero of CNFJ Operations, Plans and Training checks a logistics request.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown? Agana Heights, Guam.

How long have you been in Japan? Two months.

What did you do to celebrate the New Year? I rode the bullet train for the first time Jan. 1 to Kyoto and visited Toji near Kyoto station.

What is your New Year's resolution? To learn Japanese and burn as many calories as I consume.