DC2 John Eason of Frankfurt, Ind., uses a naval infrared thermal imager to search for hot spots in a smoke-filled space during a simulated main space fire drill aboard guided-missile destroyer *USS John S. McCain* (DDG 56). *McCain* is one of seven Arleigh Burke-class destroyers assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15 and is permanently forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Byron C. Linder

(Center) Poetry Alive! Instructor Ken Delano rehearses with students Kylie Keller and Darius Jackson for their parts prior to a recitation of "*My Dog, He is an Ugly Dog*" by Jack Prelutsky at The Sullivans School. Poetry Alive!, a North Carolina based educational company that visits schools around the world, spent a week with The Sullivans School 4th and 5th graders teaching them the art of poetry appreciation.

Photo courtesy of Megan Cullen

A large harbor tug assists the Amphibious Command Ship *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) as it returns to Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka following a scheduled underway March 24.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardelito Geravcio

Yokosuka D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer MA2 David Scott shows kindergarteners pictures of poisons and asks questions about poison safety during a presentation at Byrd Elementary School March 10.

Photo by Nancy Turner

# Pet of the Week

This weeks Pet of the Week is Mint. Mint is a 8-month-old black and white neutered male looking for you to take him home. He is a shy cat who takes a while to warm up to you. Once he does, he is very sweet and loving. Mint would do best in a home with another cat to keep him company. To find out more about Mint or any animal at P.A.W.S., contact them at 243-9996, by e-mail to usskittytalk@hotmail.com or visit the P.A.W.S. Web site at www.pawsyokosukajapan.com.

Photo courtesy of P.A.W.S

# Konnichiwa

Master Labor Contract employee Akinori Chiba checks pump valves on the fire truck during the daily morning inspection.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where do you work? CNFJ Regional Fire Department.

How long have you worked on base? 12 years.

What is your favorite food? Hashed potatoes.

What is your life goal? To be a successful coach for Meikou High School.