Mrs. Cunningham’s A2 class visited the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in VA at VIMS on September 29, 2010 for a field trip! Students spent their time investigating oyster reef animals and plants using microscopes, dichotomous keys, and science notebooks.

Species List

- Slipper Shell
- Oyster Toadfish
- Lacy Crust Bryozoan
- Mud Crab
- Barnacle
- Polychaete Worm
- Amphipod
- Striped Blenny
- Naked Goby
- Feather Blenny
- Limy Tube Worm
- Skilletfish
- Hooked Mussel
- Sea Squirt
- Sea Lettuce
- Tapered Red Weed
- Red Beard Sponge
- Oyster
- Green Striped Anemone

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The second part of the field trip included a presentation on fishes of the Chesapeake Bay, their adaptations, and their unique characteristics. Students were given a presentation on fish adaptations, and then working in groups, were given a fish specimen to study. Students answered the following questions: *How fast does my fish swim, Where does my fish find its food, What does my fish eat, and What defenses does my fish have*, by studying the fins, teeth, coloration, and mouth position of their fish.