Mrs. Cunningham’s B2 class visited the Chesapeake Bay National Stuarine Research Reserve in VA at VIMS on October 12, 2010 for a field trip! Students spent part of their time investigating oyster reef animals and plants using microscopes, dichotomous keys, and science notebooks.

**Oyster Reef Species List**

- Amphipod
- Green Striped Anemone
- Polychaete Worm
- Slipper Shell
- Boring Sponge
- Barnacle
- Sea Squirt
- Oyster Flatworm
- Oyster Toadfish
- Mud Crab
- Lacy Crust Bryozoan
- Sea Lettuce
- Oyster
- Ribbed Mussel

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For the second part of the field trip, students suited up with waders and life jackets, armed with nets and buckets, and explored the shallow water habitat of the York River through seining and dip netting. We even caught a puffer!!!  😊  Students observed the differences between the habitats and the species that are found in each.