Mrs. Sowers brought some students to visit the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in VA at VIMS on October 25, 2010 for a field trip! Students spent their time investigating oyster reef animals and plants using microscopes, dichotomous keys, and science notebooks.
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. And we even caught a seahorse!!! 😊 Students observed the differences between the habitats and the species that are found in each.
Seining

Learning about our catch (red beard sponge)

Dip Netting