Students from Mrs. Reading’s 3A and 4A classes visited the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in VA at VIMS on April 23rd, 2013 for a field experience! Students arrived on campus, and were introduced to oyster reef communities through a lab exercise. Students used dichotomous keys and microscopes to aid in identifying the different species. The class made a list of all the different organisms they saw that day.

**Oyster Reef Species List**

**3A**
- American eel
- Grass shrimp
- Blood worm
- Barnacle
- Feather blenny
- Mud snail
- Oyster
- Naked goby
- Sea squirt
- Lacy crust bryozoan
- Skilletfish
- Polychaete worm
- Amphipod
- Tapered red weed
- Hard clam
- Red-line worm

**4A**
- Grass shrimp
- Skilletfish
- Amphipod
- Polychaete worm
- Naked goby
- Slipper shell
- Barnacle
- Sea lettuce
- Tapered red weed
- Mud crab
- Sea squirt
- Green striped anemone
- Lacy crust bryozoan
- American eel
- Mud snail
- Blue crab
After learning about the oyster reef, students took a closer look at some of the fish in Chesapeake Bay. Students viewed real fish and examined their mouths, fins, and body shape to describe the lifestyle and the unique adaptations of each fish.

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