## "Farms, Food & FUN!" LESSON PLAN FOUR

Accompanying Song from CD: "I'm A Little Mushroom"

Activity: Visit a local mushroom farm OR bring in fresh mushrooms for children to hold, feel or even taste. Find many recipes online for easy mushroom creations.

**Skills:** Kids can use their imaginations in suggesting different ingredients that would taste good in a mushroom salad. They could even suggest clothing or furniture designs that could use the shape of a mushroom!

Grade Level: Kindergarten through third grade

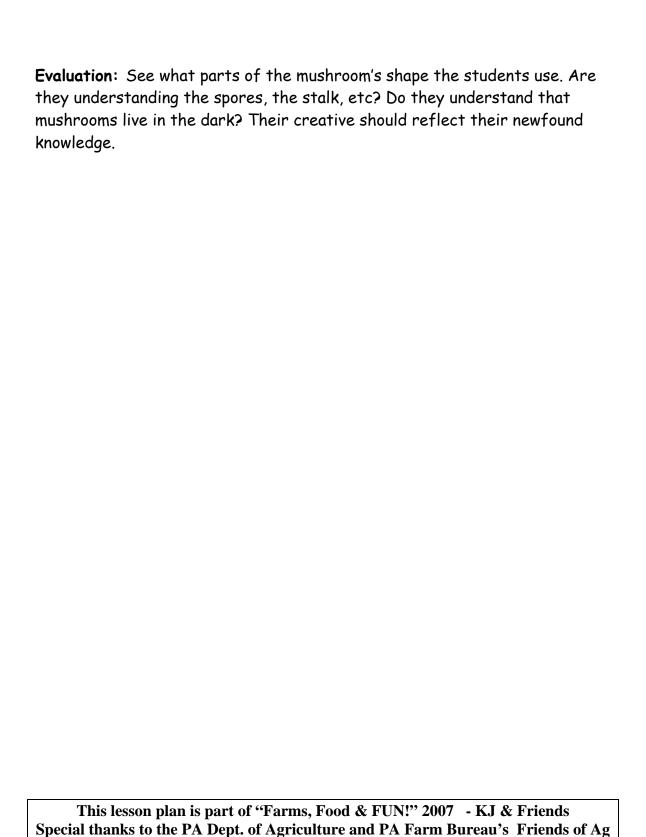
**Objectives:** Have students, not only learn the many phases of a mushroom's life but also the importance of mushrooms in a diet. Since mushrooms are unusual looking, you can also be a little quirky and suggest other activities in using mushrooms or at least the mushroom design.

Time Required: Three hours for tour and one hour for follow up.

Group size: Classroom

Materials Needed: School bus (for travel if going to mushroom farm), fresh - or canned mushrooms to sample and to view to draw for other projects, construction paper, tape, tissue paper, markers or any other materials you feel could make a creative mushroom project!

**Procedure:** Contact the PA Dept. of Agriculture or your local Farm Bureau or county extension office or look online for the nearest mushroom farm. Contact a mushroom farmer to see if he can visit your classroom. If you're not able to travel nor have a farmer come in, research more mushroom material such as other children's books available to read more about them.



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