

**"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.

Evaluation: See what parts of the mushroom's shape the students use. Are they understanding the spores, the stalk, etc? Do they understand that mushrooms live in the dark? Their creative should reflect their newfound knowledge.

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