A quick guide for garden leaders to make the most of your school garden as an educational experience.

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<td>Planting and maintaining plants</td>
<td>Start seeds indoors to plant outside after May 15. Plant in pots; care for them in classroom until planting outside.</td>
<td>Sow seeds outdoors directly in garden. Weed garden beds before planting. Plant seeds; water and care for plants.</td>
<td>Sow seeds outdoors and plant seedlings started indoors in March. Plant and water until summer break. Summer staff/volunteers tend and harvest until students return.</td>
<td>Sow seeds outdoors directly in the garden - in August when students and teachers return. Cover plants if frost or freeze is predicted.</td>
<td>Clean out old vegetable plants and weeds in beds. Add 1-2 inches compost in each bed.</td>
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<td>What to Plant</td>
<td>Eggplant, Peppers, Tomatoes</td>
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<td>Gourds, Pumpkins, Sunflowers, Winter squash, Native plants (see below)</td>
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<td>Harvest</td>
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<td>Perennials</td>
<td>Plant perennials once in the spring, and they grow back every year.</td>
<td>Everbearing strawberries to harvest summer through early fall Twice bearing raspberries and blackberry bushes to harvest in mid-summer and again in mid fall Herbs: chives, mint, oregano, sage, thyme to harvest throughout the summer</td>
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For best results, follow the specific instructions on each seed packet.

**Plants listed here could also be started from seeds in the classroom in mid-April and planted outdoors in Mid-May.**

**Please check out our website for additional Tip Sheets on:**
- Plant Spacing
- Seed Starting
- Weed Strategies
- Watering Tips
- Building Your Compost Pile
- Maintaining a Productive Compost Area

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