FOUR SQUARES:
THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN GARDEN

Vocabulary

Four Square Garden – the shape of the garden planted by the Pennsylvania Germans
Annual – a plant that lives for one year
Bank barn – a type of German barn built on a slight hill or bank which allows easy entry into both lower and upper floors
Chores – working or doing a job
Compost – a mixture of decomposing plants used for fertilizer
Flax – a grass-like plant which can be made into linen cloth
Gourd – the hard fruit of a vine that can be dried into a dipper
Grain – seed of a cereal plants such as wheat or corn
Gristmill – a building in which waterpower is used to grind crops into flour
Harvest – to gather a crop
Herb – a plant used for seasoning in cooking and/or used as a medicine
Limestone – a rock made mostly from sea animal shells; used in building and can be made into lime powder
Linen – cloth made from the fiber of the flax plant
Manure – waste from an animal
Mortar – a bowl in which plant seeds, roots and leaves are crushed with a pestle
Pennsylvania Germans – people with at least one family member who emigrated to this country from the Rhineland of Germany, France and Switzerland during the 1600s–1700s
Pennsylvania German Farmstead – everything involved in making up a farm, including people, livestock, buildings, and landscape
Perennial – a plant that lives for many years
Pestle – the tool used to crush or grind plant seeds, roots and leaves
Tannery – factory that turned animal hides (skins) into leather
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Online Resources

Interactive/Games

http://www.tvokids.com/games/getgrowing
Interactive video/game showing how gardens get planted and how they grow.