Mary Had a Little Plan  
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Fashion-forward Mary is known for adding flair everywhere she goes. When she spots an abandoned lot in her neighborhood, Mary knows she can use her talent to spruce it up. Soon she’s rallying neighborhood shops and calling on her friends to help. With Mary leading the way, this group carries out her little plan and fashions a future that is bright!

Fun Facts:
- You can plant or harvest something from your garden almost all year. The two major planting periods, however, are spring (March to May) and fall (mid-July to September). The spring plantings are harvested in June and July, while the fall plantings are harvested from October to December.
- For summer vegetables like beans, cowpeas, corn, squashes, pumpkins, cucumbers, watermelons, gourds and sunflowers, you should plant those seeds directly into the ground once the soil is near 60° F in temperature.
- There is always something to do in the garden! UGA Cooperative Extension has a school garden calendar to help guide you on growing and using a school garden successfully.
- UGA Cooperative Extension has a planting calendar to help you plan your garden planting.
- Georgia grows more than 40 items that are shipped to buyers throughout the United States.

Videos:
- AgVentures with Farmer Fredo in Dougherty County
- Farm Monitor: 7-Year-Old Georgia Girl Becomes a National Ag Sensation
- Farm Monitor: Gardening with Your Children Can be Fun and Educational

Activities:
- Lesson: Desktop Greenhouses
- Hands-On Activity: I Can Eat a Plant Food Activity
- Recipe: Ranch Dip For Fresh Vegetables
- Plant Seeds in Milk Cartons.
  - Put seed observation wrapper around the carton.
- Seed Journal
- Seed Planting Experiment- water only, sun only and water and sun
- How to Read a Seed Packet Lesson
- Mother’s Day Card Printable Template
  - Option 1-cut out handprint and add flowers
  - Option 2-trace hand and color handprint or use paint
- Make Seed Bombs Using Flour
- Garden Trail Mix (Trail mix has items that represent all the things needed for a successful garden.)

Visit gfb.ag/aitc for more activities