What is Flickr?

• Flickr is a photo-sharing site. We encourage you to share photos to show your accomplishments, build enthusiasm and support, and connect with and inspire others. Uploading photos also creates an archive of projects you and your students complete.

Why use Flickr in the classroom?

• Photo-sharing brings empowerment. School garden photos seen side-by-side with First Lady Michelle Obama’s vegetable garden, for example, reveal common ground and show how both projects benefit their communities. Cultivate a sense of accomplishment by letting students see their work featured in the same online media displaying high-profile photos. (See the White House garden pics at http://www.flickr.com/photos/whitehouse/3566977794.)

• Flickr can be used for assignments spanning the curriculum. Pamela AuCoin, author of a TeachersNetwork.org article on incorporating technology into the classroom, says Flickr is “not only a great place to find images, it invites student collaboration and participation,” since students can put their analysis and comments on images. (Read more at http://www.teachersnetwork.org/ntny/nychelp/technology/flickr.htm.)

It’s easy to use Flickr

• Start by creating an account at www.flickr.com (you will also create an alternate Yahoo or ymail e-mail account at this time).

• Upload photos under your account, include a brief description, and create tags (short phrases to help others search for the photos, e.g., Discovering PLACE, UM-Flint, University Outreach, place-based education, etc.).

Sharing pics

• Sign into your account, then under “How to get started,” click option 3, “Find Friends” to search for UM-Flint Outreach.

• Scroll down to Groups, then click on Discovering PLACE, click again to join.

• At the top of the page, under Group Pool, click “Add Photos” to share your already-uploaded photos on the Discovering PLACE group page.

• Remember to have parents sign a photo release for your students. Also consider including only the first names of children.