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Auction Item Ideas

1. A day at the farm
2. Anything with the local fire department or police department—ride in a vehicle, tour, birthday party at the station, wear gear, photo ops
3. Basketball party in the gym
4. Be the school mascot at an event
5. Bedtime story in your own home, read by your teacher
6. Boating trip on a local lake or river
7. Boating trip with the boat owner and your group of friends
8. Camping trip, hosted by an experienced family for camping novices
9. Fee-free year: no PTO dues, free yearbook, school T-shirt, no field trip fees, no school supply fees, no class party fee, free school photo package
10. Grab bag of goodies (leftovers worth at least XX dollars)
11. Guest DJ on a local radio station
12. Lunch with the principal at a local restaurant
13. Limo ride for students to lunch off site with a local celebrity or the principal
14. Reserved lunch table in the cafeteria with friends for a month
15. Museum or bookstore field trip
16. Name the school road for a year
17. Picnic lunch with a teacher outdoors at school
18. Principal for a day
19. Reserved parking at school, for a specified time-period
20. Reserved seating at key family events
21. Reserved seating for school events (concerts, assemblies, etc.)
22. School ambassador for a day—e.g., represent the school at a board meeting
23. Season pass to district sporting events
24. Sleepover at the school
25. Special stuffed toy with classroom storybooks
26. Tour of a local factory
27. Tour of local newspaper, radio station, TV station, or sporting venues (even if there's no game)
28. Training session with high school or college coaches (check league and NCAA rules first) or a high school team (e.g., cheerleaders or pompom squad)

Student Handicrafts

29. Clay vases, hand-painted aprons, decorated T-shirts, personalized picture frames, bound storybooks
30. Ceramic tiles, turned into trivets or a table top
31. Clay snack-serving set, platter, or

Anything from a pain-it-yourself pottery store.

32. Collage done with individual drawing or paintings, framed or decouped onto a larger item
33. Decorated jeans, tennis shoes, hats
34. Decorated vinyl shower curtains (use Sharpie markers)
35. Fall harvest scarecrows
36. Garden stepping stones
37. Mosaic stepping stones, garden benches, garden tables, bird baths
38. Notecards printed with student drawings, envelopes included
39. Painted bird houses
40. Painted cookie jars, ceramic platters, lamp bases, large frames, throw rugs
41. Painted umbrellas
42. Patchwork quilts: photos, handprints, signatures, drawing transfers, team T-shirts
43. Rocking chair, footstool, side chair, nightstand, toy box painted with handprints, thumbprints, or faces
44. Wooden bench covered with poems or sayings written by students

Teacher/Staff Donations

45. Art teacher: private lessons, trip to a museum, paint a mural at your home
46. Bedtime story read by your teacher, child keeps book
47. Chaperone an outing in summertime
48. Computer training in your home
49. Gym teacher: supervises a birthday party at the gym
50. Music teacher: compose and record a song with your child's name, play piano at your birthday party, guest conductor for school concert

- 51. Photo collages, e.g. a week in the life of Mrs. Smith's 2006 fourth-grade class
- 52. A book of student responses to open-ended questions
- 53. Tutoring

Always Popular

- 54. Sports tickets
- 55. Sports memorabilia
- 56. Tickets for local cultural events
- 57. Vacation packages with few restrictions or strings
- 58. Gift certificates for dinner at a nice restaurant
- 59. Wine
- 60. Golf
- 61. High-end jewelry (auctioned with a reserve price; no risk of underpricing it)

Themed Baskets

- 62. All Kinds of Sports or Get Up and Move: anything sports—balls, games, water bottles, sportswear
- 63. All Scream for Ice Cream: fixings for sundaes, cones, toppings, gift certificates
- 64. Backyard Chef or Grill Out: barbecue sauces, grill accessories, Omaha Steak gift certificates
- 65. Backyard Fun: kids beach chair, pail, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, sand castle tools
- 66. Beach Party: towels, toys, umbrella, folding chair, sunscreen, sunglasses, iPod
- 67. Birthday Party in a Basket or Where's the Party: cake pan, cake mixes, balloons, piñata, plates, napkins, party favors
- 68. Bookworm Bonanza or The Bookstore: books, bookmarks, book light, nameplates
- 69. Building Blocks: Lego, Lincoln Logs, Jenga
- 70. Bundle Of Joy: baby shower gifts for a parent-to-be
- 71. Candle Basket: assorted candles, candle holders, snuffer, fancy matches

- 72. Car Wash: bucket, sponges, chamois, paper towels, Armor All, Turtle Wax, air fresheners
- 73. Chef's Delight: cookbooks, kitchen gadgets, bowls, spices, oils, cutting board
- 74. Christmas: ornaments, cards, wrapping paper, decorations
- 75. Coffee Break: mugs, assorted coffees, chocolate-covered spoons, biscotti
- 76. Cookie Monster: cookie pans, dough, recipes, add-ins, decorations
- 77. Date Night: dinner, tickets to concert or ballet, baby-sitting service
- 78. Day at the Pool: floats, sunscreen, flip-flops, toys, towels
- 79. Disney Mania: videos, clothing, towels, school supplies, anything else Disney
- 80. Do-It-Yourself: tool belt, instruction books, painting supplies, store gift card
- 81. Family Fun Nights: movie night, game night, etc.
- 82. Family Night Out: certificate for a four-person dinner, movie tickets
- 83. Fiesta Fiesta: Mexican jumping beans, fancy salsa and chips, recipe book
- 84. Fisherman's Cove: rod and reels, fishing line, tackle and bait, gift certificate
- 85. Garden of Eden: seeds, soil, tools, garden artwork, accessories, plants
- 86. Get Well Soon: chicken soup, robe, crossword puzzles, tea, pillow, eye mask
- 87. Gift Wrap: assorted papers, ribbons and bows, notecards, fancy scissors, tape
- 88. Hair Care: hot-oil treatment, hair towel, brush, hair clips and bands, blow-dryer
- 89. House Beautiful: cleaning supplies, dust cloths and polish, cleaning service
- 90. Italian Feast: pasta machine, fancy olive oils, spaghetti fork
- 91. It's a Girl or It's a Boy: new-baby supplies
- 92. Just What the Dr. Ordered: Dr. Seuss books, pajamas, towels, other logo items

- 93. Kitchen Gadgets: colander, slotted and serving spoons, measuring cups, pot holders, tongs, cutting board
- 94. Life's Simple Pleasures: fluffy robe, scented candles, bath and body products, manicure/pedicure supplies or certificate, eye pillow, facial mask
- 95. Love for Learning: reference books, reading light, flashcards, school supplies
- 96. Manicure/Pedicure: nail clippers, nail file, emery boards, polish remover, cotton balls, cuticle remover, orange stick, hand lotion, assorted nail polishes
- 97. Men's Night Out: small TV, poker chips, cards, cigars, snack foods
- 98. New Home: tool kit, picture-hanging supplies, address numbers, stud finder
- 99. Pasta Mania: colander, cheese grater, pasta, sauces, and olive oils
- 100. Petite Picasso: arts and crafts supplies
- 101. Photo Supplies: certificate for portrait session, picture frames, albums
- 102. School Spirit: blanket in school colors, sportswear, mascot for a day, lead cheer at sport event
- 103. Soccer Fun: ball, portable goal net, jersey/shorts, game tickets
- 104. Something's Fishy: mini tank, food, decorations, fish gift certificate
- 105. Spirited Exchange: various wines, wine log, tasting book
- 106. Stationery Basket: stamps, journal, notecards, gel pens/markers, envelopes
- 107. Tea Break: mugs, assorted loose and bag teas, infuser, honey, biscotti
- 108. Teacher's Pet: personal pampering items, additional school supplies, books
- 109. Tee Time: golf-club covers, certificate for lessons, course time, tees
- 110. Toy of the Moment: hottest toy of the time and accessories
- 111. Travel: games, snack items, DVD player and discs, books on tape
- 112. Writer's Workshop: pens/pencils, lap desk, dictionary, journal

20 Ideas for Theme Baskets for PTOs

Pamper Mom

Suggested items: Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, a CD of meditative music, gift card to a local salon and/or for a massage.
Creative twist: Make the container part of the pampering—use a foot bath or a pretty basket suitable for keeping personal items.

For the Golfers

Suggested items: Tees, golf balls, visor, gloves, book about golf, a gift card to a golf store or to a local course.
Creative twist: Present the items in a sports bag.

Grillers' Delight

Suggested items: Utensils, marinades, mitts, charcoal, cookbooks about grilling.
Creative twist: Use a small grill as the basket.

Baby Love

Suggested items: Diapers, diaper bag, onesies, burp cloths, infant toys, board books, teething rings, baby socks, bibs.
Creative twist: Present the items in a baby bathtub.

For a Book Club

Suggested items: A few bestselling books, wine glasses, wine, gourmet snacks, gift card to local bookstore or Amazon.com.
Creative twist: Assemble the items in a pretty book bag.

Get Ready for Kindergarten

Suggested items: Educational games and toys, school spirit wear, school water bottle. Pack in a backpack.
Creative twist: If possible, arrange it so the principal or a kindergarten teacher presents the items to the winner.

Outdoor Adventures

Suggested items: Sleeping bag, fishing pole, mini lanterns, fixings for s'mores (graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate), head lamps, bug spray, citronella candles, gift cards to outdoor stores.
Creative twist: Pack the contents into a cooler or a tent.

Movie Night at Home

Suggested items: Boxes of candy and microwave popcorn, DVDs, movie passes, blankets, store gift cards (for DVDs and snacks).
Creative twist: Include restaurant gift cards so families can order takeout dinners as part of their night.

Italian Dinner Night

Suggested items: High-end pastas, a variety of sauces, Italian bread/bread sticks, Parmesan cheese, a bottle of red wine, and gift cards to an Italian deli and local Italian restaurant.
Creative twist: Present the items in a large pasta bowl.

For Gardeners

Suggested items: Garden store gift card, planters, watering cans, gloves, seeds, sunscreen, hand lotion, bags of soil, garden rack.
Creative twist: Pack the contents into a small garden cart (available at gardening stores or large stores like Walmart).

Aquarium

Suggested items: Fish-theme games and books, gift card to pet store, instructional books on fish care.
Creative twist: Present the items in an aquarium.

Family Fitness

Suggested items: Water bottles, fitness DVDs, books on healthy family activities (hikes, outdoor vacations, etc.), dumbbells, passes to local gyms and other fitness facilities (like roller-skating rinks).
Creative twist: Try to get local fitness businesses to donate services as part of the basket.

For the Dogs (or Cats)

Suggested items: Gift card to a pet store, dog (or cat) toys, dog (or cat) food bowls, pet jersey or sweater, shampoo and other grooming supplies, a leash.
Creative twist: Assemble the contents into a dog or cat bed.

Arts and Crafts

Suggested items: Markers, pens, colored pencils, crayons, craft paint, construction paper, paint brushes, stamping kit, jewelry kits, small wooden model kits, loom bracelet kit, poster board, gift card to craft store.
Creative twist: Present the items in a portable three-drawer storage cart.

Summer Fun

Suggested items: Beach towels, beach toys, balls, sunblock, sunglasses, gift cards to mini golf or other summer activities, yard toys (Frisbee, plastic bowling pins), bubbles, sidewalk chalk.

Creative twist: Present the items in a small outdoor sandbox.

Fun with Science

Suggested items: Tickets to science museum (if you have one nearby), science games, experiment kits, science puzzles, glow-in-the-dark ceiling stickers, goggles, a child-sized lab coat.

Creative twist: Consider setting up a simple experiment or two and demonstrate it during the event.

Baking with Kids

Suggested contents: Baking mixes (muffins, cakes, cookies), frosting, baking with kids cookbook, aprons, kids' mixing utensils, measuring cups, cookie cutters, decorating supplies.

Creative twist: Display the items in a large mixing bowl.

All Sports

Suggested items: Balls (baseball, basketball, football, soccer), tickets to local sporting events, gift card to a sporting goods store, Frisbee, sports-team-theme apparel (shirts, hats, etc.) and blanket, water bottle, sports-theme books and board games

Creative twist: Arrange the items in a large duffel bag.

Local Errands

Suggested contents: Gift cards for conveniences or attractions in your community like dry cleaning, grocery store, coffee shop, movie theatre, restaurants, hair salon/barber shop, etc.

Creative twist: Make the idea of errands seem more fun by arranging a “chauffeur”—a volunteer driver for a few hours on a weekend—as part of the prize.

Local Vendors

Suggested contents: Products from local vendors like baked goods, soap, jewelry, candles, and scarves (or other knitted creations).

Creative twist: Ask a local vendor to give a private tour to the winner. Kids would probably like going behind the scenes at the bakery or candle factory and seeing how they work.

Quick Hits

Team spirit: a few theme items for a popular baseball or football team, if you have one in your area, and tickets to a game

Coffee: different varieties of coffee, and gift cards to local coffee shops

Chocolate: boxes of chocolate and samplings of loose chocolates, gift cards to a candy/chocolate shop

Favorite kids' books: ask your school's teachers to contribute to this one by choosing their favorite classic

Legos: different sets of Legos, gift card to Lego store

Superheroes: action figures, DVDs, games

Cookies: different varieties of cookies, a cookbook of cookie recipes

Ice cream social: ice cream dishes, sauces, sprinkles and other assorted toppings, gift card to local grocery store, gift card to ice cream shop

Themed toys/games/books: for example, all princess, all pirate, etc.

Knitting fun: yarn, needles, mini tape measure, stitch markers, gift card to yarn shop

Previous Raffle Baskets

- I Love Coffee
- Gift Card Galore
- Spring Cleaning
- Arts & Crafts Basket
- Day at the Beach
- Gift Wrap Basket
- Beach/Fishing/Sea Animals
- Fire Pit/Camping
- LuLaRoe Leggings Basket
- Dog Goody Bag
- Vintage Homemade something
- Child's Chef Basket
- Movie Night Basket (5 movies, popcorn, candy, wine)
- 2 Pet's Plus Baskets (1 dog and 1 cat)
- Legos
- Date Night (with gift cards)
- Cooking Related
- Flamingos
- Lottery Tickets
- Movie Night
- Sports Basket
- Car Wash Basket
- Baking Basket
- Photo Basket
- Christmas Basket
- Shark Bite Basket
- Summer Fun Basket
- Little Bookworm Basket (reading materials and \$20 voucher for Book Fair for VPK/K aged kids)
- Superhero Bookworm Basket (reading materials and \$20 voucher for Book Fair for elementary aged kids)

Previous Silent Auction Items/Baskets

- Riding Lessons
- Limo Bus Rental
- Disney, American Girl, or Wine Basket
- Massage/Spa Treatment
- Local Museum Membership
- Craft Beer Basket
- Pamper Yourself (salon gift card, etc)
- Children's Reading Kit
- Cosmetic Basket
- Local Sport Membership
- Mermaid Tail/Shark Tail Kid's Basket
- Pet Grooming Certificate
- Cooking Related
- Wreath
- Huge Florida Gators Wooden Logo
- Movie Theater Gift Card
- TV
- Family Photo Session
- Fine Art
- YMCA Membership

Raffle and/or Auction Basket Ideas

- Superhero Basket (toys, clothes, towels, games, etc. with superheroes on them)
- Pizza Basket (pan, cutter and supplies to make pizza; possibly include a gift card to a pizzeria)
- Wine/Cheese Basket
- Italian Basket (Gift card to restaurant, pasta, sauce, strainer, etc.)
- Spring Break Fun (activities/games for kids to do over spring break)

- Summer Camp Basket (paid summer camp fee)
- I Scream for Ice Cream (ice cream supplies, certificate to ice cream parlor, ice cream maker)
- Birthday Party Basket (balloons, plates, napkins, etc., and/or certificate to a specific place)
- Science Basket (science project book and supplies)
- Tool Basket (tool belt, hammer, etc.)
- Hair Salon Services
- Bounce Down Under Passes
- Jump-n-Fun Party or Passes
- A Day at the Farm (Local Dairy Farm)
- Boating Trip (cooler, cups, snacks, sunblock, etc.)
- Camping Trip (camping chairs, s'mores supplies, bug spray, etc.)
- Museum passes
- Sports Tickets
- Concert Tickets
- Golf Passes/Basket
- Candle Basket
- Cookie Monster Basket (specific to cooking baking)
- Fiesta Basket (recipe book, chips, salsa, etc)
- Fisherman's Cove Basket (rods, reels, tackle bait, etc)
- Garden Basket (seeds, soil, tools, plants, etc)
- Get Well Soon Basket (soup, robe, crossword puzzle, etc)
- Poker Night Basket (poker chips, cards, snack food)
- Scrapbooking Basket