



## Missouri Readin' & Writin' Pack

3,364 requested versus 1,984 shared in 2017

**\$14** | Estimated Pack Value

Please put smaller items in the pencil holder and place in a 2-2.5 gallon ziplock bag. Place bags in a box labeled *"MO Readin' & Writin' Pack"* with total on box.



6 new pencils with erasers



2 – 70 page spiral or tape bound notebooks (140 pages total)



1 pencil holder



4 folders with pockets



1–12 inch ruler



1 pair of child-sized metal scissors



1 large eraser



1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)



1 box of 10 markers (only 10)



2 ink pens (medium point)

Many agencies described programs focusing on starting the school year off well for students, which is wonderful. However, by the time December and January roll around the students are again without the supplies crucial for learning. Often, teachers use their own money to buy resources for the class and this causes hardship for them. With the school supplies available in November and December from Festival of Sharing, this gives hope to both students and teachers! Another agency offers the readin' & writin' packs as gifts to children as they move into their program. They keep parents with children from homelessness and help them get their lives back on track. This tiny gift allows the children to be ready for school and practice their reading, writing and coloring after school.



## Missouri Baby Bundle Pack

1,744 requested versus 1,435 shared in 2017

**\$35** | Estimated Pack Value

Please send newborn to 6-month sized items. Put items in a 2-2.5 gallon ziplock bag and place completed packs in boxes labeled *"Missouri Baby Bundles"*.



2 receiving blankets



2 sleepers (1 piece or gown)



3 pack of onesies



1 sweater or sweatshirt for warmth



8 – 12 count (disposable or cloth diapers)



4 diaper pins (if cloth diapers are enclosed)

Here is a story of sharing from an agency partner, "We've had several couples come in the DIC with babies. We were able to give several young mothers, a pregnant teen, and a young man some baby kits for their children. Diapers are something we usually don't have an abundance of, however the kits came in handy." Another shared, "babies are healthier and happier because of the diapers and kits from Festival of Sharing."