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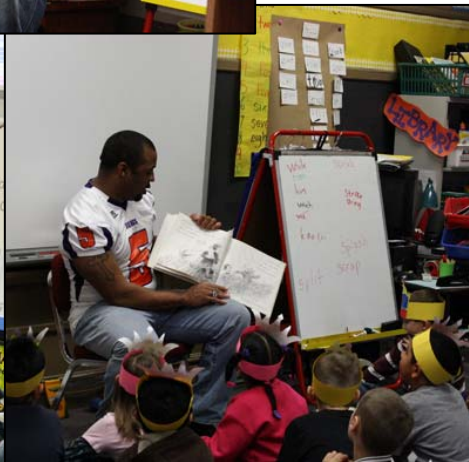
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## **VALLEY STUDENT-ATHLETES PARTNER AS SUPERBOWL READING COACHES AT BENTON ELEMENTARY**



**Marshall, Mo. (January 27, 2010)**—Missouri Valley College football players Moa Palepale (SR, DB, Everett, Wash.), Henry Hamilton (JR, OL, Opa-Locka, Fla.), and Colin Smith (SR, LB, St. Louis, Mo.) visited the kindergarten and first grade classrooms at Benton Elementary School in Marshall, Mo., today to partner as reading coaches keeping Benton Superbowl teams motivated to read during the Reading Superbowl competition.



“The players read books to the classes and talked about the importance of learning to read,” Benton Elementary principal, Paige Clouse said. “They truly were inspirational to our children!”

This event was part of Missouri

Valley’s commitment to the NAIJA’s Champions of Character program that embraces the five core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship, and servant leadership.

“I enjoyed working with the kids,” Palepale said. “I think I learned as much from them as they did from me!”

### **ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE**

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers over 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 15 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/tourism management, which will begin in Fall 2009. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660)831-4000 or visit [www.moval.edu](http://www.moval.edu).