# Mayor's Book

## **Club Newsletter**

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## The Mayor's Book Club is pleased to present our Book-of-the-Month for February:



Sisters

#### By Jeanette Winter

## It's Fun and Easy!

Sisters: Venus & Serena Williams by Jeanette Winter is a wonderful story of Venus and Serena Williams. They faced adversity and challenges, but they overcame them to become some of the greatest tennis players of all time.

Tip #1 - Sisters: Venus & Serena Williams is an excellent beginning reader book. The story has short sentences on each page, which is perfect to practice reading out loud or together.

**Tip #2** – The book has dialogue between the sisters, family, and characters. It can be great to practice their statements and questions. It can also be fun to give the characters voices to hear them come to life across the pages.

**Tip #3** – The illustrations show Venus and Serena overcoming challenges, hard days, and difficult times. The illustrations also show a close family, their bond as sisters, and their triumphs as winners. Be sure to see the details on each page.

# **Cocoon of Concentration**

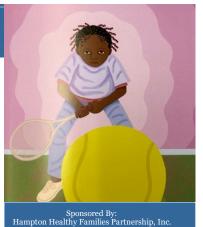
Venus and Serena wrapped themselves in a "cocoon of concentration" in order to focus on the game and block out distractions. Their success is a triumph of loving support and hard-earned skills prevailing over economic and social challenges.

- Create a distraction-free environment
- Take power naps & breaks Fix a daily routine and follow it
- Practice deep breathing Play focus games

Divide big task into smaller sub-tasks



Children often find it difficult to concentrate on the task in hand for more than a few minutes. However, having good concentration helps them study, do homework or complete difficult tasks with ease. Here are a few tips you can use with your child to help with the "cocoon of concentration."





## **Did You Know?**

Sisters: Venus & Serena Helps Children Understand Concentration.

Some children may have trouble sustaining their attention to a given task. It makes learning hard, and also impacts everyday life. But there are ways to help your child cut through distractions and get things done. Jigsaw puzzles, matching games and board games are a great way to develop attention, concentration and thinking skills. Talk about your child's strengths, not just challenges. When kids understand what they're good at, it builds confidence and helps them stay motivat-





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