



March 10th, 2016: Adele and Landyn spent the greater part of our time on the playground holding hands, giggling together, and making up games together. Later on, when Adele felt sad after falling on the playground, Landyn crossed the distance of the playground to check on Adele. She stayed there the whole time Adele cried and looked at her with a concerned expression. She later reached her hands out to embrace Adele. This was a fascinating interaction to observe. The concerned way Landyn looked Adele up and down, as she was taking in every aspect of Adele's body language, seemed like an intense moment of understanding and learning for Landyn. The bonds that form between children of mixed ages provide opportunities for the children to learn so many lifelong skills: *empathy, tenderness, compassion*.