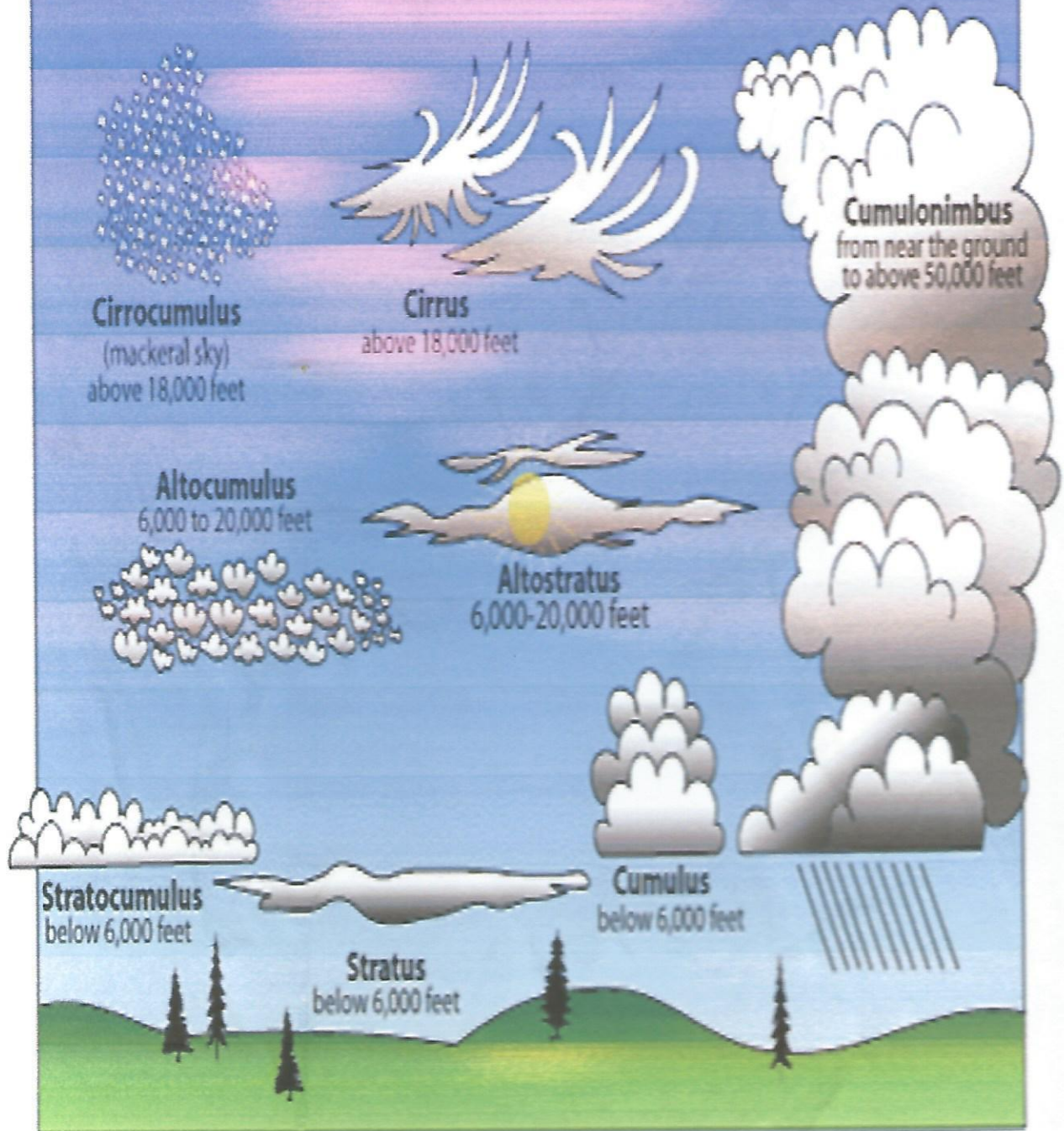


Common types of clouds in the troposphere



Stratus clouds

They look like flat sheets of clouds. These clouds can mean an overcast day or steady rain. They may stay in one place for several days.



Cumulus clouds

These are the puffy clouds that look like puffs of cotton. Cumulus clouds that do not get very tall are indicators of fair weather. If they do grow tall, they can turn into thunderstorms. The bottom of cumulus clouds are fairly close to the ground.



Cirrus clouds

These are high feathery clouds. They are up so high they are actually made of ice particles. They are indicators of fair weather when they are scattered in a clear blue sky.



Nimbostratus

These will bring a long steady rain.



Nimbus

Nimbus is another word associated with clouds. Adding “nimbus” means precipitation is falling from the cloud.



Cumulonimbus clouds

These are the “thunderheads” that can be seen on a warm summer day and can bring strong winds, hail, and rain.

